

Aid workers in Somalia seized by local gunmen



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WASHINGTON / MOGADISHU (AP) —

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A self-proclaimed Somali pirate said that pirates had captured the three on Tuesday. The captors would not harm the three but will want a ransom for their release, he said. The claim could not be independently verified.

The three employees work for the Danish Demining Group, whose experts have been clearing mines and unexploded ordnance in conflict zones in Africa and the Middle East.

"As a first priority, we have been concentrating on the ongoing investigations.

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ALIVE



Miracle baby emerges from Turkish quake rubble

Turkish rescuers carry Azra Karaduman, a two-week-old baby girl they have saved from under debris of a collapsed building in Ercis, Van, eastern Turkey, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011. The baby's mother, Semiha, was still alive, pinned next to a sofa inside the flattened building from where the child was rescued. A 7.2-magnitude earthquake toppled some 2,000 buildings in eastern Turkey, Sunday.

(AP Photo)
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ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — After 48 hours, a miracle emerged from the rubble: a 2-week-old baby girl brought out half-naked but alive from the wreckage of an apartment building toppled by Turkey's devastating earthquake.

Rescue workers erupted in cheers and applause Tuesday at sight of the infant — and again hours later when her mother and grandmother were pulled out, their survival a ray of joy on an otherwise grim day.

The death toll from Sunday's 7.2-magnitude quake climbed to at least 459 as desperate survivors fought over aid and blocked aid shipments.

A powerful aftershock ignited widespread panic that turned into a prison riot in a nearby provincial city. With

thousands of quake survivors facing a third night out in the open in near-freezing temperatures, Turkey set aside its national pride and said it would accept inter-

of three generations of one family was all the more remarkable because the infant, Azra Karaduman, was declared healthy after being flown to a hospital in An-

into a narrow slit in the pile of concrete and metal, then sliding back out with Azra, clad only in a T-shirt. "Praise be!" someone shouted.

"Get out of the way!" another yelled as the aid team and bystanders cleared a path to a waiting ambulance.

"Bringing them out is such happiness. I wouldn't be happier if they gave me tons of money," said rescuer Oytun Gulpinar.

The pockets of jubilation were tempered by many more discoveries of bodies by thousands of aid workers in the worst-hit city of Er- cis and other communities in eastern Turkey devastated by the earthquake. Even rescues were tinged with sadness:

10-year-old Serhat Gur was pulled alive from the rubble of a building after being trapped for 54 hours, only to die a short time later at a hospital, state-run TRT television reported. □



A Turkish medical doctor carries Azra Karaduman, a two-week-old baby girl saved by Turkish rescuers who continue to work to save people trapped under debris of a collapsed building in Er- cis, Van, eastern Turkey, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011. At least 366 people have been killed after powerful earthquake in eastern Turkey.
(AP Photo)

national aid offers, even from Israel, with which it has had strained relations. Tuesday's dramatic rescue

kara, the Turkish capital. Television footage showed rescuer Kadir Direk in an orange jumpsuit wriggling

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We are keeping close contact with the family members, who are deeply concerned, just as we are," said Ann Mary Olsen, head of the Danish Refugee Council's international department.

Activities of the Danish Refugee Council, which runs the Danish Demining Group, have been suspended in the area. The group provided no other details and asked media outlets "to respect the need for confidentiality as investigations are ongoing."

A Nairobi-based security official said the demining group was traveling in a three-car convoy, including one vehicle of armed guards, but that the guards did not resist the kidnapping. The three are believed to be on their way to a former pirate stronghold on the Somali coast, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media. □

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Edwards fights campaign finance case

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Law-

yers for John Edwards will head to federal court here Wednesday to ask a judge to dismiss charges that he violated campaign finance laws by using money from two wealthy benefactors to support his pregnant mistress during his run for the presidency in 2008. His lawyers contend that the government has exceeded the reach of federal election laws.

In a series of filings, Edwards, a former U.S. senator from North Carolina and the 2004 Democratic vice presidential nominee, argued that nearly \$1 million used to keep his rela-

tionship secret with Rielle Hunter, a campaign videographer with whom he had a daughter, constituted gifts — not campaign contributions.

Prosecutors argue that the payments were in fact campaign contributions because they were intended to help hide information that could damage him politically. They also say Edwards filed false campaign reports to cover up the payments.

Edwards, 58, and his lawyers have argued that if the prosecutors' theory is upheld, then campaigns could use legal contributions "to pay for a candidate to conceal a mistress, conceal an unwed preg-

nant daughter and, one would imagine, even to pay for an abortion to hide evidence of an affair."

The hearing here Wednesday in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina is expected to last all day and offer a good preview of the aggressive legal chess game that Edwards is preparing to play if the charges are allowed to stand and the trial opens in January.

Edwards' lawyers will argue that prosecutors are using federal conspiracy laws incorrectly and that the entire case is a politically motivated abuse of prosecutorial discretion.

Allowing the trial to proceed would turn elections law on its head, Edwards' lawyers contend, making ambiguous for all candidates what does or does not count as a campaign contribution.

The theory is backed by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a nonprofit organization founded to fight congressional corruption that often serves as a counterpoint to more conservative watchdog groups.

Over objections by prosecutors, a federal judge this month allowed the group to file a brief in the case critical of the charges.

Federal prosecutors, meanwhile, have complained about conflicts of interest on Edwards' legal team, which has been in flux. □

Road to Robert Frost's Vermont home worth taking

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Middlebury College in Vermont is famous for its foreign language summer schools and their "language pledge": No English Spoken Here. Speak it, and risk expulsion.

Ten miles away, it's a different story at the college's Bread Loaf School of English, the existence of which is inextricably linked with the history of American literature through its connection to one of our deepest poets. Robert Frost spent 30 summers writing, teaching, and living at Bread Loaf. His rustic cabin a mile away is preserved — pretty much as he left it — by the college.

As a keepsake, it is profound and simple, kind of like Frost himself.

Robert Frost bought the property known as the Homer Noble Farm in Rip-ton, Vt., in 1938. I won't bother describing the main house. Picture in your head a typical white Vermont farmstead. There, you've got it. Now forget it.

The important piece of architecture is the plain wooden cabin set back out of sight behind it where Frost lived during the summers between 1939 and 1963, while teaching at Bread Loaf.

The man known so well for his "snowy woods" and "roads less traveled" knew what he was talking about.



Featured is the grave of Robert Frost. Middlebury College in Vermont is famous for its foreign language summer schools and their "language pledge": No English Spoken Here. Speak it, and risk expulsion.

The delicious location brings to mind poetic acrobatics. Dappled sunshine. Bending birches. Paths pocked with tree roots like the veins on the back of an arthritic hand.

While located near the main Middlebury College campus, the cabin seems part of a different world, swallowed up by the suddenness of the Green Mountains.

The last few miles of the trip there on Route 125 are the windiest, shadowing the convolutions of the Middlebury River, more boulders than water.

Frost's connection to nature is a given, but what about his connection to Middlebury College? In 1915 the German language school was founded at Middlebury College, the first of many summer language schools to follow. □



Cate Edwards, daughter of former Senator and Presidential candidate John Edwards, and her fiancé Dr. Trevor Upham in their engagement photo. The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Lawyers for John Edwards will head to federal court here Wednesday to ask a judge to dismiss charges that he violated campaign finance laws by using money from two wealthy benefactors to support his pregnant mistress during his run for the presidency in 2008.

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NYPD officers arrested in gun-smuggling sting

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Five New York Police Department officers smuggled firearms and slot machines they thought were stolen and some even used bolt cutters to pilfer hundreds of boxes of cigarettes from tractor-trailer trucks as part of a 12-person theft ring that was under federal surveillance the entire time, authorities said Tuesday.

Three retired NYPD officers and a New Jersey corrections officer are among the other defendants named in a federal criminal complaint alleging an undercover agent paid them more than \$100,000 to moonlight as gun runners while under FBI surveillance. Three current officers also participated in a brazen theft of cigarettes they were told were worth \$500,000, the complaint says.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has long targeted illegal smuggling of guns into the city and said that, if the accusations are true, the officials engaged in "a disgraceful and deplorable betrayal of the public trust." The men were eager and willing to smuggle the weapons and commit other crimes "so long as the price was right," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said at a news conference announcing the arrests.

Arresting fellow law enforcers in a corruption case "is a heartbreaking thing,"

Bharara added. "But it is our duty to enforce the law and to uphold the rule of law — and to do so perhaps most unflinchingly when we come across people who have chosen to breach that sacred duty, because

est police department. "The vast majority of police officers do outstanding work to protect the city," Kelly said. "A case like this is disheartening to the entire department."



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an officer who betrays his badge betrays every honorable officer as well as every member of the public." The arrests come amid speculation that other NYPD officers could be facing less-serious criminal charges in a separate investigation of traffic ticket fixing in the Bronx.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the new case, involving officers assigned in Brooklyn, has no connection to the Bronx probe.

He also defended the reputation of the nation's larg-

The arrests stem from an FBI-NYPD internal affairs investigation that began in 2009 when a paid FBI informant tipped off authorities that an 18-year NYPD veteran, William Masso, was interested in making money by transporting stolen goods. In the months that followed, the informant and an undercover investigator posing as the ringleader began supplying the defendants and others cigarettes — purportedly stolen out of state — for resale in New York, the criminal complaint says. □



In this Jan. 22, 2011 file photo, former Democratic presidential nominee and U.S. Sen. George McGovern arrives for the funeral Mass for R. Sargent Shriver at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac, Md. McGovern has been hospitalized for fatigue in South Dakota, a hospital spokeswoman said Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

McGovern hospitalized in South Dakota for fatigue

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Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota (AP) — Former Democratic presidential candidate

George McGovern has been hospitalized for fatigue in South Dakota, a hospital spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Julie Ward, a spokeswoman for Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, said the 89-year-old former U.S. senator from South Dakota was admitted to the Sioux Falls hospital for fatigue after completing a lecture tour.

She said doctors expect him to make a full recovery and be released in a couple of days.

Ward said the family has asked for privacy while McGovern recovers and rests. McGovern, a South Dakota congressman from 1957 to 1961 and U.S. senator from 1963 to 1981, ran for presi-

dent against incumbent Richard Nixon in 1972 and lost in a historic landslide. McGovern had moved to St. Augustine, Florida, in 2008 after the death of his wife, Eleanor. His latest book, "What it Means to Be a Democrat," is scheduled to be released Nov. 10. He was scheduled to be in his hometown of Mitchell, South Dakota, four days after its release for the 2011 McGovern Conference. McGovern was elected to his first of three Senate terms in 1962.

He ran for president three times, making a try for the nomination in 1968 and 1984 in addition to the 1972 race.

Despite the Watergate break-in that year, Nixon won a second term in one of the biggest landslides in modern history. The liberal McGovern won only one state, Massachusetts. □



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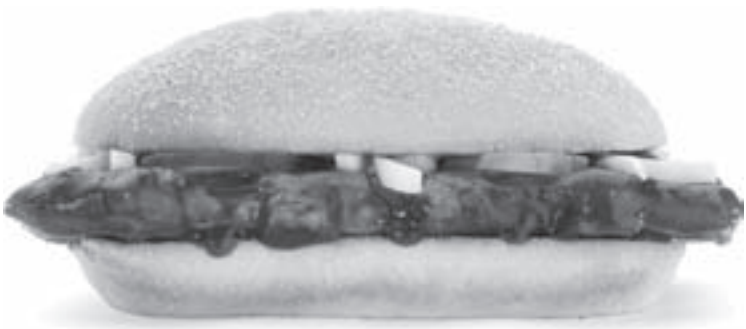
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The McRib makes a McComeback

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AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — The McRib, the elusive sandwich that has inspired a cult-like following, is back. McDonald's Corp. announced Monday that the boneless barbecue pork sandwich, usually available in only a few stores at a time, will be sold at all U.S. locations through Nov. 14. Most of the time, it's up to local franchises to determine when and if they want to sell the McRib — except in Germany, the only place where it's available perennially. But McDonald's said the response was so great last November when it made the McRib available nationally for about three weeks that it decided to

bring it back this year. The company, which previously hadn't sold the McRib na-

dressed with onions, pickle slices and barbecue sauce, was introduced nationally



This image provided by McDonald's shows their McRib sandwich. McDonald's Corp. announced Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, that the boneless barbecue pork sandwich, usually available in only a few stores at a time, will be sold at all U.S. locations through Nov. 14.

(AP Photo/McDonald's, File)

Mac, which has 540 calories and 29 grams of fat. And just like the Big Mac, the McRib has become a popular McDonald's offering. There are Facebook groups like "Bring Back the McRib!!!" There are Twitter tags, where posts range from "Lucky me, the McRib is back" to "If you eat McRibs, you need to re-evaluate what it is you

actually want in life." Last year, the guy who won McDonald's \$1 million Monopoly game grand prize was ordering — you guessed it — a McRib. Earlier this month, former Playmate Jenny McCarthy contacted the McRib Locator website for help finding a McRib in southern California: She got one in Fountain Valley. □

Man who blabbed about courthouse plot convicted

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Associated Press
KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Prosecutors described a frightening standoff at a Tennessee courthouse between law enforcement and an armed man who vowed to take it over in his quest to oust President Barack Obama. The man's attorney said he was just a "loudmouth" expressing his political opinions. The defense didn't work for Darren Wesley Huff, who was convicted Tuesday on a federal firearms charge that could send him to prison for up to five years. Huff, 41, was armed with a Colt .45 and an assault rifle on April 20, 2010, when he and about 15 others, some also armed, arrived in Madisonville, a small town about

tionally since 1994, declined to give specific sales numbers. The sandwich, which is

in 1982. With 500 calories and 26 grams of fat, it's slightly trimmer than the Big



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halfway between Knoxville and Chattanooga. About 100 law enforcement officers also were there because Huff had told an FBI agent who visited his home in Dallas, Georgia, and po-

lice who stopped him for a traffic violation in Tennessee that he was prepared to help take over the Monroe County Courthouse if necessary. □

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Death highlights women's role in Special Ops

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Army 1st Lt. Ashley White died on the front lines in southern Afghanistan last weekend, the first casualty in what the Army says is a new and vital wartime attempt to gain the trust of Afghan women. White, like other female soldiers working with special operations teams, was brought in to do things that would be awkward or impossible for her male teammates. Frisking burqa-clad women, for example. Her death, in a bomb explosion in the Taliban heartland of Kandahar, underscores the risks of placing women with elite U.S. special operations teams working in remote villages. Military leaders and other female soldiers in the program say its rewards are great, even as it fuels debate over the roles of women in combat.

"We could do things that the males cannot do, and they are starting to realize that," says Sgt. Christine Baldwin, who like White was among the first groups of women deployed to Afghanistan this year as specially trained "cultural support" troops.

Male soldiers often cannot even speak to an Afghan woman because of the strict cultural norms that separate the sexes and the tradition of women remaining behind closed doors most of the time. Forcing the issue has yielded only resentment, military officials say, and has jeopardized the trust and cooperation of villagers. From the start of the war 10 years ago, Afghans have especially resented the practice of "night raids" in which male foreign soldiers enter and search homes, the tradi-

tional sanctum of women. "We could search the female, find out the other half of the information,"

diers are serving in commando units. They are trained to ferret out critical information not available



This undated photo provided by the North Carolina National Guard shows 1st Lt. Ashley White from Alliance, Ohio. White was killed Oct. 22, 2011, by an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Last weekend, White died in combat in southern Afghanistan, the first casualty in what the Army says is a new and vital wartime attempt to gain the trust of Afghan women. White, like other female soldiers working with special operations teams, was assigned duties that would be awkward or impossible for her male counterparts, such as frisking burqa-clad women.

(AP Photo/North Carolina National Guard)

Baldwin said in an interview. "If you're missing half of the lay of the land, how effective are you in engaging the populace?" That question was eight years in the making. It arose from the frustration of U.S. commanders who realized two years ago that as they tried to apply the principles of counterinsurgency — protect civilians and enlist them to reject insurgents and provide intelligence — they weren't reaching the majority of the Afghan population. Now, the first female sol-

to their male team members, to identify insurgents disguised as women and figure out when Afghan women are being used to hide weapons. U.S. women have been on the front lines in Afghanistan since the war began, and over time they have been used to reach out to the Afghan population through health care initiatives and other programs. They have traveled with Army soldiers and Marines throughout the warfront, often to assist in development projects or as part of

psychological operations — what are now called MISO, or military information support operations. But as elite special operations teams fanned out across the country doing counterinsurgency "stability operations" in the small villages, they complained to their superiors that they weren't reaching the women and children who make up as much as 71 percent of the population.

"We waited too long to get to this," says Command Sgt. Maj. Ledford Stigall. "We had a lot of people focused on the kill and capture, and it really took someone to say, hey it's not about kill, capture, it's about developing a country that can take care of itself."

"Women have a voice," he said. "They can influence the men in their society." In 2009, under pressure from Gen. Stanley McChrystal, then the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, and Gen. David Petraeus, then the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, the Army began to develop Cultural Support Teams. Last November, the first group of women went through a grueling five-day assessment that tested their physical and military skills, their problem-solving and writing abilities and their psychological and mental fitness. Those that passed moved on to a six-week training program. And in January, the first group of 28 women deployed to Afghanistan with Army Rangers and Special Forces teams. They went in two-woman teams as part of larger special operations units — usually numbering about a dozen. □

Arrest expected of top adviser in insider case



Federal prosecutors are expected to file criminal charges Wednesday against Rajat K. Gupta, the most prominent business executive ensnared in an aggressive insider trading investigation, according to people briefed on the case.

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NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors are expected to file criminal charges Wednesday against Rajat K. Gupta, the most prominent business executive ensnared in an aggressive insider trading investigation, according to people briefed on the case.

The case against Gupta, 62, who is expected to surrender to the authorities Wednesday, would extend the reach of the government's inquiry into America's most prestigious corporate boardrooms. Most of the defendants charged with insider trading over the past two years have plied their trade exclusively on Wall Street.

The charges would also mean a stunning fall from grace of a trusted adviser to political leaders and chief executives of the world's most iconic companies. □

Tearful nurse testifies about warning to Jackson

LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent
LOS ANGELES (AP) —

A sometimes tearful nurse testified Tuesday that her efforts to save Michael Jackson from the drug he craved for sleep were rebuffed by the star who insisted he needed the powerful anesthetic that eventually killed him.

Cherilyn Lee, a nurse practitioner who tried to shift Jackson to holistic sleep aids in the months before he died, said the singer told her Dipravan, a brand name for propofol, was the only thing that would knock him out and induce the sleep he needed.

He told Lee he had experienced the drug once during surgery.

Lee almost didn't testify. She sat down in the witness box then said she felt dizzy before starting to cry.

"This is just very sensitive for me," she explained.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor had her taken to another room to rest, and she returned 20 minutes later saying she felt better. She became tearful again while testifying that she had warned Jackson not to take the drug.

The day was also marked by poignant testimony from the head of AEG, the concert giant that planned Jackson's ill-fated "This Is It" shows in London.

Randy Phillips, the company president and chief executive officer who first proposed the concert to Jackson, said the star was excited and committed to restarting his career in London, where he could settle down with his children on a country estate "so they wouldn't be living as vagabonds."

"It was emotional," said Phillips. "I cried."

"Did he cry?" asked defense attorney Ed Chernoff. "Yes," Phillips said softly.

Lee told of coming into Jackson's life at the beginning of 2009 and leaving just before Dr. Conrad Murray arrived. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter and is accused of giving Jackson a fatal dose of the drug

Lee would not give him.

Lee recalled a meeting with the superstar at his rented mansion two months before his death.

"He was sitting very close to me," she said. "He looked at me and said, 'I have a lot of difficulty sleeping. I've tried a lot of things and I need something that will make me fall asleep right away. I need Dipravan.'"

Lee had never heard of the drug but did research and later told Jackson it was too dangerous to use in a home.

At one point she asked: "What if you didn't wake up?"

Jackson, however, was unswayed and adamant the drug would be safe if he had a doctor who could monitor him while he slept.

Prosecutors claim Murray abandoned Jackson after administering the fatal dose of propofol and failed to have proper life-saving and monitoring equipment on hand.

Lee was called to the stand by Murray's defense, but the impact of her testimony was mixed.

While she supported a defense theory that Jackson

was doctor shopping in a desperate search for someone to give him propofol, a prosecutor seized on her warning to show Murray should have known the dangers too and refused the request by Jackson.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor David Walgren, Lee acknowledged a conversation with Jackson in which she told him. □



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Gadhafi buried in secret site in Libyan desert



A car from the convoy of Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi with a placard written in Arabic "The car of Moammar Gadhafi captured in Sirte by the Libyan Revolutionary Fighters of Misrata" is displayed in Misrata, Libya, Tuesday Oct. 25, 2011. The bodies of Moammar Gadhafi, his son, Muatassim Gadhafi, and his ex-defense minister Abu Bakr Younis have been buried in a secret location.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

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Associated Press
MISRATA, Libya (AP) — Flamboyant and grandiose in life, Moammar Gadhafi was buried in secrecy and anonymity, laid to rest in an unmarked grave before dawn in the Libyan desert that was home to his Bedouin tribal ancestors. The burial ended the gruesome spectacle of Gadhafi's decaying corpse on public display in a cold storage locker at a Misrata warehouse for four days after he was killed in his hometown of Sirte on Oct. 20. The location of the brutal dictator's grave site was not disclosed by the interim government for fear of vandalism by his foes and veneration by his die-hard supporters. Gadhafi, 69, was buried Tuesday along with his son Muatas-

sim and former Defense Minister Abu Bakr Younis after the military council in the city of Misrata ordered a reluctant Muslim cleric to say the required prayers. Libya's new leaders hope the funeral will allow the country to turn the page on the four-decade Gadhafi era and the bloody eight-month rebellion against him. Still, the book cannot be closed completely, with unanswered questions remaining about his slaying, and his son and one-time heir apparent, Seif al-Islam, still at large. Under international pressure to investigate the circumstances of Gadhafi's death, the interim leaders of the National Transitional Council issued a statement late Tuesday saying they "disapprove" of any prisoner being hurt, let alone killed. □



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Yemen president calls in US ambassador

GAMAL ABDUL-FATTAH
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's president on Tuesday called in the U.S. ambassador and told him he would sign a deal to step down, a U.S. official said. The embattled leader, who has made that pledge several times before, spoke as violence shook his capital.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh informed Ambassador Gerald Feierstein of a new cease-fire, but clashes on the streets threw that into doubt. Activists said seven protesters were killed and 10 wounded. It was the first meeting between Saleh and a U.S. ambassador since Saleh returned from Saudi Arabia last month, said U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland. Saleh left Yemen after an attack on his compound in early June left him badly wounded. Nine months of mass protests calling for his resignation have moved his powerful Arab neighbors, with U.S. backing, to propose a plan allowing Saleh to step down in exchange for immunity from prosecution. That reflected a reversal for the U.S., which up to then had backed Saleh as an ally in its fight against al-Qaida in Yemen.

Nuland said Saleh confirmed he would sign the Gulf Cooperation Council plan for him to step down — a claim he has made several times this year but then backed down at the last minute, infuriating both opponents and former allies. She also said that Saleh confirmed that a cease-fire had



A Yemeni wounded protestor is carried from the site of clashes with security forces in Sanaa, Yemen, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011. Yemen's president on Tuesday called in the U.S. ambassador and told him he would sign a deal to step down, a U.S. official said. The embattled leader, who has made that pledge several times before, spoke as violence shook his capital.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

been arranged with the opposition demonstrators, as announced on Yemen's state news agency's website. On a statement on the website, Yemeni Vice President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi said that a cease-fire agreement was reached with the aim to "lift checkpoints, barricades and open schools ... to return normal life to the capital." But late into Tuesday evening, troops were still firing into crowds of protesting civilians.

"It's not clear that that has been completely enforced

on either side since then, but we do consider it a good step," Nuland told reporters. "There is still some fighting going on."

The protesters marched through the streets surrounding Change Square, a central intersection where the uprising against Saleh started in February.

"The people want to prosecute the butcher," the protesters chanted, and some held posters saying that after the death of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, it was time for Saleh to "listen to your people." □



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Brazil appeals court upholds gay marriage



In this photo, models take to the beautiful beaches in Brazil. Brazil's top appeals court has ruled that two women can legally be married. It's the highest court in Brazil to uphold a gay marriage.

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's top appeals court has ruled that two women can legally be married. It's the highest court in Brazil to uphold a gay marriage. In June, a state court judge ruled that two men could legally change their civil union into a full marriage.

It was in May that Brazil's Supreme Court ruled that gay civil unions could be recognized. But the top court stopped short of recognizing full marriages. Since then, several couples have petitioned to have their civil unions recognized as full marriages. Some

of those have been approved at lower courts, others blocked. Tuesday's ruling by the Supreme Appeals Court overturned two lower court's ruling against the women. In Latin America, gay marriage is legal in Argentina and Mexico City. □

US government seeks \$70M from African official

GREG RISLING Associated Press LOS ANGELES (AP) — The son of Equatorial Guinea's president plundered his country's natural resources through corruption, spending more than \$70 million in looted profits on a Malibu mansion, a Gulfstream jet and Michael Jackson memorabilia, the U.S. government said Tuesday. Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, a government minister in the West African country, used his position to siphon millions of dollars for his own personal use, authorities said in two civil forfeiture complaints filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. The complaints say Mangue's assets can be forfeited because he engaged in misappropriation and theft of public funds for his benefit. The U.S. government is seeking to recover \$70 million in stolen funds from Nguema for "the benefit of the people of the country from which it was taken." "We are sending the message loud and clear: The United States will not be a hiding place for the ill-gotten riches of the world's corrupt leaders," said Assistant U.S. Attorney General Lanny Breuer. An email message left for Purificacion Angue Ondo, Equatorial Guinea's ambassador to the U.S., was not immediately returned. U.S. authorities believe

Nguema, son of Equatorial Guinea President Teodoro Obiang Nguema, amassed more than \$100 million through various schemes while he served as the country's forestry minister. Among them were demanding companies to pay a "tax" for doing business in Equatorial Guinea as well as providing Nguema with gifts and free services, according to court documents. The country of about 680,000 people has become a major oil, gas and timber producer, resulting in billions of dollars in revenue. Nguema is accused of tapping into that wealth and indulging in a lavish lifestyle, despite a government salary of about \$6,800 a month, officials said. Nguema spent \$30 million on a Malibu mansion, \$38.5 million on a Gulfstream jet and about \$3.2 million on Michael Jackson memorabilia that included a crystal-covered glove from the "Bad" tour and a basketball signed by the singer and Michael Jordan, authorities said. Among the other items purchased by Nguema, according to federal officials, was a 2011 Ferrari automobile valued at more than \$530,000. Nguema also stored 24 luxury cars worth nearly \$10 million at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles and shipped them to France. □

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Venezuelan inmates release hostages

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's top prison official said Tuesday that inmates who had seized more than 50 guards and other prison workers in the Tocuyito lockup have released the final 12 hostages, ending a tense standoff in which prisoners were demanding transfers.

Penitentiary Minister Iris Varela said the hostages were released after authorities vowed to transfer hundreds of prisoners to another facility.

"Nobody is any longer in a hostage situation," said Varela, speaking on state television. "The situation inside the prison of Tocuyito was resolved."

The prisoners took the hostages earlier this month, sparking a standoff that heightened tensions in the country's severely overcrowded prison system where contraband such as guns and drugs are commonplace.

Varela said inmates agreed to release the remaining hostages after authorities promised to return 400 prisoners to El Rodeo, where many of the rebellious prisoners had been locked up before their transfer earlier this year to Tocuyito.

Officials had moved the inmates to try to end an armed uprising at El Rodeo.

But prisoners have demanded that they be returned to El Rodeo because it's closer to their families and the courts where their cases are be-

ing heard, said Carlos Nieto, a lawyer and prisons activist who heads the group Una Ventana a la Libertad. Varela strongly condemned prison guards at Tocuyito for allegedly taking bribes and allowing inmates to obtain firearms and grenades, saying government authorities would launch an investigation into possible corruption.

Many inmates in the country's prisons have been held for months if not years while waiting for their cases to be heard.

Inmates have aired their grievances by regularly seizing relatives of prisoners during visiting hours, and most recently, have taken prison guards and other officials as hostages.

President Hugo Chavez's government has recognized prison crowding as a problem, and a newly appointed prisons minister, Iris Varela, has pledged to come up with solutions.

Venezuela's 30 prisons were designed to hold about 12,000 prisoners but are currently packed with about 47,000 inmates, according to official figures.

Colombian peril: running for office



A woman readies electoral posters that will be taped to supporters' vehicles at a campaign rally in Caqueza, south of Bogota, Colombia. The Colombian government has tightened its security measures as the country prepares for the upcoming elections. The truest barometer of Colombia's troubled democracy has always been in the rugged, verdant countryside, and violence against rural political candidates has surged ahead of the Oct. 30 regional and municipal elections. (AP Photo/William Fernando Martinez)

CAMILO HERNANDEZ

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— After agonizing a few months over a guerrilla pamphlet that named him as a "military target," Hermes Sanchez finally decided to quit the race for mayor of Leiva, a rural municipality in Colombia's lawless southwest.

He had three excellent reasons: his children, aged 18 to 24. The rebels had made it clear, in "discussions" with

Sanchez's adherents, that his family was also at risk.

The 48-year-old cattle trad-

er said rebels wanted him out of the race because "I'm not the kind of person they can manipulate," something they apparently learned from his term as mayor from 2004-2006.

The truest barometer of Colombia's troubled democracy has always been its fate in the rugged, verdant countryside, and violence against rural political candidates has surged ahead of Oct. 30 regional and municipal elections. These days, illegal armed groups are increasingly deciding who gets elected.

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Mozzarella: Medium and muse

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Breakfast meetings, perhaps, are best suited to Hollywood types, people who pitch and spin even before the first coffee. When I found myself in San Francisco early this month along with Nancy Silverton, the esteemed founder of La Brea Bakery and the restaurant Campanile in Los Angeles, the only time we could get together was for breakfast. Silverton, who now owns two of Los Angeles' most popular restaurants, Osteria Mozza and Pizzeria Mozza, with Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich, has just published her eighth book, "The Mozza Cookbook," and for breakfast, she suggested Boulettes Larder, in the Ferry Building.

Silverton, 57, arrived dressed in black like a New Yorker, wearing Jackie O shades, even though she is San Fernando Valley born and bred. She is a small woman, sporting a knot of wiry hair on top of her head, and her body has a tensile quality, like a human rubber band. The physical work of a baker requires agility and stamina and a bent toward stubbornness, or perfectionism, and even behind the Foster Grants that attitude slammed through. She's a cool girl, if not quite a tough girl, and when members of the restaurant staff recognized her, they surrounded her like a team of white blood cells. Yes, there was a platter of toasted artisanal breads of the type she pioneered in Southern California 22 years ago. There was a ramekin of soft butter topped with sea salt. There was Blue Bottle coffee, and very soon, once Silverton lost the sunglasses, there were some hard truths served along with the bread. A mother of three children, divorced since 2007 from Mark Peel, the executive chef at Campanile, she made \$6 million from the sale of La Brea Bakery in 2001 and entrusted it all to an investor in Beverly Hills, Calif. He, in turn, entrusted it to Bernard L. Madoff. She lost everything.

But the morning light is still too bright and the pots of coffee still too full for soul baring. First, let's talk about Mozza.

The inspiration (Silverton is big on inspiration) for all things Mozza – the osteria, the pizzeria, the book – was a lunch she served to the chef Jeremiah Tower at her house in Umbria. At the market there, she was inspired by cheese, buying

fies as the chicken breast of cheese: bland. But in Italy, Silverton saw myriad possibilities. "Obika had salad-y things accompanying the dish," she said. "But I saw that mozzarella had a life of its own that didn't have to be Caprese. I started layering in other flavors."

Although Batali had long cringed at the prospect of investing in Los Angeles restaurants that cater to



Nancy Silverton, the chef who owns Osteria Mozza and Pizzeria Mozza restaurants, works on cooking a breakfast of burrata, an Italian cheese, atop bacon, escarole and shallots, at her home in Los Angeles. Silverton, the founder of LaBrea Bakery, has just published her eighth cookbook, this one with recipes drawn from her two current restaurants. The book is entitled, "The Mozza Cookbook: Recipes From Los Angeles's Favorite Italian Restaurant And Pizzeria."

(Axel Koester/The New York Times)



The final dish: Burrata, an Italian cheese, atop bacon, escarole and shallots from chef Nancy Silverton, who runs Mozza and Osteria Mozza restaurants, at her home in Los Angeles.

(Axel Koester/The New York Times)

an array of mozzarella and burrata, serving it with a variety of condiments. Tower told her about Obika, the mozzarella bar that originated in Rome. "It was the cheese version of sushi," she said, "and what I liked so much was the focus on one thing, basing a restaurant on mozzarella."

In this country, certainly, the majority of mozzarella quali-

ties as the chicken breast of cheese: bland. But in Italy, Silverton saw myriad possibilities. "Obika had salad-y things accompanying the dish," she said. "But I saw that mozzarella had a life of its own that didn't have to be Caprese. I started layering in other flavors." Although Batali had long cringed at the prospect of investing in Los Angeles restaurants that cater to

Emilio's Ballato, is like Rao's, but you can get a table

JEFF GORDINIER

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NEW YORK – One afternoon back in February, Scott Conant was feeling grumpy and hungry. Conant, the chef at Scarpetta, has a business office in SoHo, and he was curious about a restaurant a short walk away that a friend had recommended. "I said to him, 'What's your favorite Italian restaurant?'" Conant recalled. "He was like, 'Don't get mad at me, but it's Ballato's.' I had never heard of the place." From the sidewalk, under a grimy red awning that appears to belong to a fading pizza parlor, Emilio's Ballato didn't look like much. Inside, Conant was captivated. On the walls were framed album covers and snapshots of pop stars, from stalwarts like David Bowie and Billy Joel to freshly minted arrivals like Rihanna and Justin Bieber. These were people with the resources to eat anywhere in the world. Why would they hang out in a drowsy red-sauce joint with a soundtrack and a menu that Don Draper might have encountered on some sodden evening in 1962? "Where the hell am I right now?" Conant thought before ordering a bowl of spaghetti cacio e pepe. "Which is really hard to get right," he said. "And it was awesome. I couldn't



A plate of spaghetti al pomodoro, at Emilio's Ballato restaurant, in New York. The Italian restaurant owned by Emilio Vitolo has become a de facto dining room for some of the most famous people in the city, especially musicians. (Guy Calaf/The New York Times)

believe it. Everything about it was really integrity driven." He followed up with a plate of veal Milanese. With mild shock, he found it to be "spectacular."

Although he did not realize it, Conant was being inducted into something of a secret society. New York has a bounty of celebrated chefs who specialize in elegant iterations of Italian food. And yet it is Emilio's Ballato, a small, narrow, sleepily old-school restaurant, that has become a de facto dining room for some of the most famous people in the city, especially musicians. □



A photograph on the wall of Emilio's Ballato restaurant of owner Emilio Vitolo, right, with Justin Bieber, left, L.A. Reid, top, and pop singer Rihanna, in New York.

(Guy Calaf/The New York Times)



H.M. Queen Beatrix to arrive on Aruba tomorrow

ORANJESTAD - Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Orange Willem-Alexander and his wife Princess Máxima, will visit the Caribbean islands of the Kingdom from Thursday October 27th till Sunday November 6th, starting with Aruba. After the new Statute the islands of Curacao and St. Maarten became autonomous last year October while the islands of Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius became Dutch Municipalities by referendum. The island of Aruba already enjoyed its Status Aparte for 25 years now. No doubt it will be an enormously warm visit, not only due to the climate but due to the fact the House of Orange is immensely popular, loved & respected in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom too. This will be the first time HM and TRH visit the Islands



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together. Dutch Queen Beatrix, her son Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and his wife Princess Máxima will be enjoying some free time filled with visits with the Crown's representative on Aruba, Gov-

ernor Fredis Refunjol and dignitaries, inspection of various government projects and visits to various organizations. The members of the Dutch Royal Family will be on Aruba October 27, 28 and 29.

On FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 2011 at 10:00am - The official welcome ceremony for the Queen and her party in front of the Bureau of the Governor on the L.G. Smith Boulevard. 3:00pm - the Royal visitors will be pres-

ent at a cultural manifestation in the new Linear Park. On SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2011 - The Queen will visit the National Arikok Park. After her visit to the Park the Queen will visit the Town of Yuwana Morto. □

Garufa Ultra Lounge opening on Wednesday following a refresh

Oranjestad - The Island's favorite cocktail lounge is re-opening Wednesday following a few weeks of refresh, offering patrons an updated presentation and décor, with the same popular spirit of service and hospitality. Halloween weekend will be especially festive at Garufa Ultra Lounge as management, with Antoine Britten at the helm, announced the grand opening on October 29th, cordially inviting Garufians to come celebrate Halloween at their favorite renovated club.

For the Grand Opening DJ JR will share the pleasure of entertaining guests with Yibison, an excellent party band with a true Latin flair. Garufa will serve free champagne and tapas between 9pm and 10pm, also awarding great prizes for best costumes. The general public is

invited to attend this Grand Opening festivity, no cover charge. Manager Antoine Britten reports the club lined up a stellar program of entertainment starting with Happy Hour at 6pm three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays with \$3 wine and mixed drink prices, accompanied by free tapas.

Every Monday, Jairo, the Romantic Sax Player will be charming patrons from 6:30pm to 9:30pm; Then on Tuesdays, Arion Wine Company will offer delicious wine flights paired with tapas. On Wednesdays DJ Junior will spin best hits from 6pm to 9pm, chased by Yibison's performance to the wee hours. On Thursdays, Mr Golden Oldies, Dennis Zepenveldt will play from 8pm to 12midnight. On Friday, DJ Junior will spin from 6pm to

9pm followed by Funky Music, with a trip down memory lane. Finally on Saturday, Yibison returns with hot Latin chart-toppers from 10pm to 2am.

Garufa Ultra Lounge offers a huge selection of cocktails, and an extensive bottle menu. Smokers will be pleased to see an additional outdoor seating section. Non smokers will be escorted to the lounge's new smoke-free tables.

Garufa Ultra Lounge boasts an innovative state of the art sound-system, a modern tile floor and a refreshed bar, furniture and restrooms. A large mirror on the wall adds to the bar's elegant, glitzy ambiance, and just like before the dedicated bartenders serve the best cocktails in town, with Garufa's unforgettable signature style! □



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conditioning to keep you cool and fresh. The bar prices are very friendly, as well as the staff of Club Hipsz. The club has an upscale, nice and cosy setting, with comfortable lounges and so fast to take a rest after dancing. The club is completely non-smoking (Aruba's only). Smokers are allowed to go outside to smoke. Cover charge for this Saturday is only \$6. If you want to get a taste of what Saturday will be like, visit Club Hipsz tonight. Every Wednesday they offer Live Latin music, played by one of Aruba's best bands: "Los

Intokables" featuring Cesar Olarte, a Latin Grammy Winner. The dance floor will be filled with dancers of all kinds. So if you're not (yet) a dancer, the band and the dancers on the floor will bring you a night of entertainment. Enjoy an ice cold beer for just \$2 during the Happy Hour from 10-11pm. FREE Entrance. On Friday Club Hipsz has a Live DJ who will mix up the music from Latin to Pop to R&B to Oldies and much more! They have a double happy hour on beers (varies weekly) and a free shot with every cocktail. Double Happy Hours from 10-11pm



and 1-2am! Free Entrance. Club Hipsz is located only a few minutes from the hotel area: take the highway towards Oranjestad and go left at the first roundabout. Located on your right hand

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ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi's dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



specially designed for the cigars with the logo "Aruhiba". Petrocchi considers Aruhiba a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

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Joan who dedicated her last years when she was battling breast cancer, to helping other patients and increasing awareness and knowledge among members of the medical community, the government and the general public. Pictured here the presentation, and the distribution of a brochure, titled: Don't Face Cancer Alone, Talk to Other People, You Will Feel Much Better." □



Eagle Beach – La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club joined local companies and individuals supporting Pink Ribbon Week activities. The Pink Ribbons sold at the resort earned Awg 475 which were presented in a form of a donation to the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Group. Two spokespersons from the Mary Joan Breast Can-

cer Support Group shared an informative luncheon with resort associates just recently, teaching about the disease, as well as discussing self-examination, and a number of other related, interesting topics. The Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Group operates a center at Sabana Blanco 8. The organization is named after Mary

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ORANJESTAD - Aruban Francisco Pardo finalist in Focus: Filmmaker's Immersion Willemstad - Francisco Pardo represented Aruba admirably at the Trinidad & Tobago film festival (TTF), held on September 21 October 4, 2011. Francisco was a finalist of an intensive session and pitch competition for emerging Caribbean filmmakers called "Focus: Filmmaker's Immersion", with his movie "Awa Bendita". This was the first year for the "Focus" program, sponsored by RBC Royal Bank in T&T. Francisco also won the Jury Award for Best Short Film at TFF for "Ten Ave Maria," providing added recognition and a boost to the fledgling filmmaker community in Aruba.

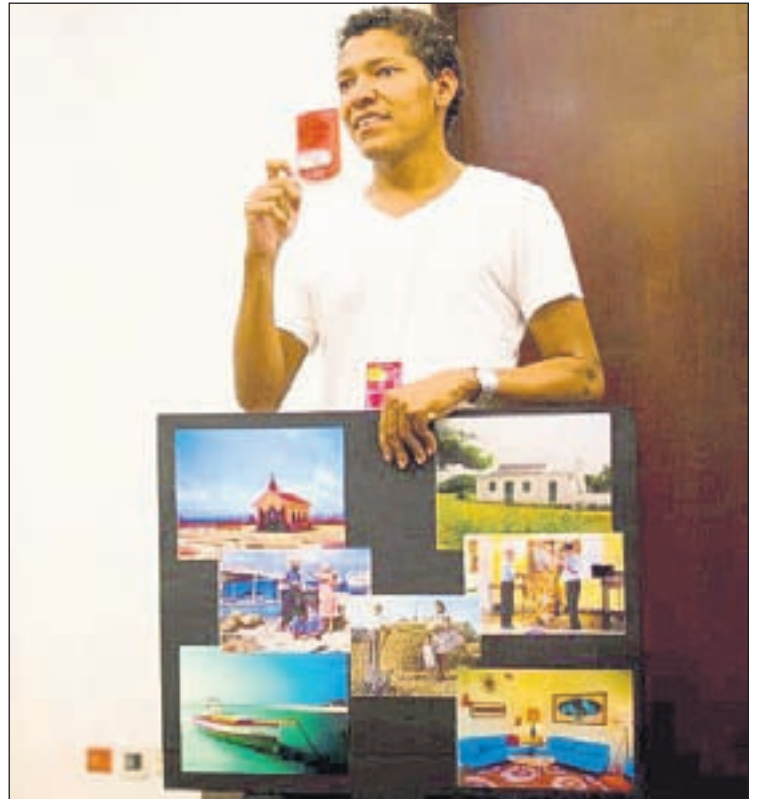
F i l m m a k e r s "Focus: Filmmakers' Immersion" was an intensive three-day development program that provided 11 selected Caribbean filmmakers with the opportunity to learn from professional film artists. It was held from September 20 - 22 and took place at venues in Port-of-

Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. "Focus" included group discussions on a range of topics, concentrating on the artistic side of dramatic filmmaking, sharpening the skills and abilities of participants. "I am very happy with the experience that 'Focus' gave me. It was exciting and interesting. I never experienced something similar before," says Francisco. The first movie that Francisco pitched was not good enough, according to the facilitators for "Focus", Fina Torres and Damon D'Oliveira. "They found that it had a Hollywood taste, they wanted me to pitch something more like a art house movie, more emotional, not commercial, something from my heart."

Francisco, who studied at the Film and TV School in Madrid, decided to use a screenplay from 2007 that he wrote for Aruba. "It's called 'Awa Bendita' and tells the story about a daughter of 15 years old gets pregnant, from a Latin

American boyfriend. The parents, although very religious, wanted her to have an abortion, they felt very ashamed. But the daughter decided to fight for the unborn child. It's a dilemma; it's dramatic and strong, there is no best solution - Having the child or not having the child. Director Fina Torres said to me that it is a very beautiful and driven story." To pitch this movie at the finals of "Focus", Francisco only got five minutes to present it vocally with a mood board and pictures. "You need to sell the content and visually with the photos and the style. It's not that you get the chance to let them see a movie clip. But they loved it, lucky me."

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International: Two, highly experienced, international filmmakers guided the "Focus" participants: Venezuelan writer-director Fina Torres and Guyanese/Canadian actor and producer Damon D'Oliveira. Among Ms. Torres' films is "Woman on Top" starring Penelope Cruz, as well as the more recent "Havana Eva," which screened at the TTF this year. Mr. D'Oliveira's résumé includes "Poor Boy's Game," starring Danny Glover. Next to Francisco, the selected "Focus" participants were: Maria Govan and Kareem Mortimer, both from the Bahamas, Mandisa Pantin, Roderick de Weever, Camille Granger, Kevin Adams, Christopher Din Chong, Sean Hodgkinson, Michael Mooleedhar, Renée Pollonais and Steven Taylor, all from Trinidad & Tobago. In the end, Maria Govan of the Bahamas emerged as the winner of the "Focus" pitch, winning approximately US\$3,000

toward her future film project. Maria had some success at the tfff in 2009 when her film "Rain" screened to excellent reviews. Kareem Mortimer has also attended the festival before with "Children of God," where his film won audience award and jury prize for best feature film at TTF/10. The TTF is currently in their sixth year of production and is presented by Flow and supported by the Trinidad & Tobago Film Company; the National Gas Company; bpTT; the Tourism Development Company and the Tobago House of Assembly. Pictures: Francisco Pardo of Aruba presents 'Awa Bendita' to the jury, vocally with a mood board and pictures. "You need to sell the content and visually with the photos and the style. It's not that you get the change to let them see a movie clip. But they loved it, lucky me." The jury members at the "Focus" pitch session. □



Pacquiao takes it personally in 3rd Marquez fight

In this photo made Oct. 20, 2011, boxer Manny Pacquiao trains at the Wild Card Boxing Club in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. Pacquiao is insulted by Juan Manuel Marquez's insistence that he won their first two fights. The pound-for-pound king is determined to leave no doubt next month.

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Czech Republic's Petra Kvitová reacts after scoring a point against Russia's Vera Zvonareva during the first match of the WTA tennis Championship finals in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011.

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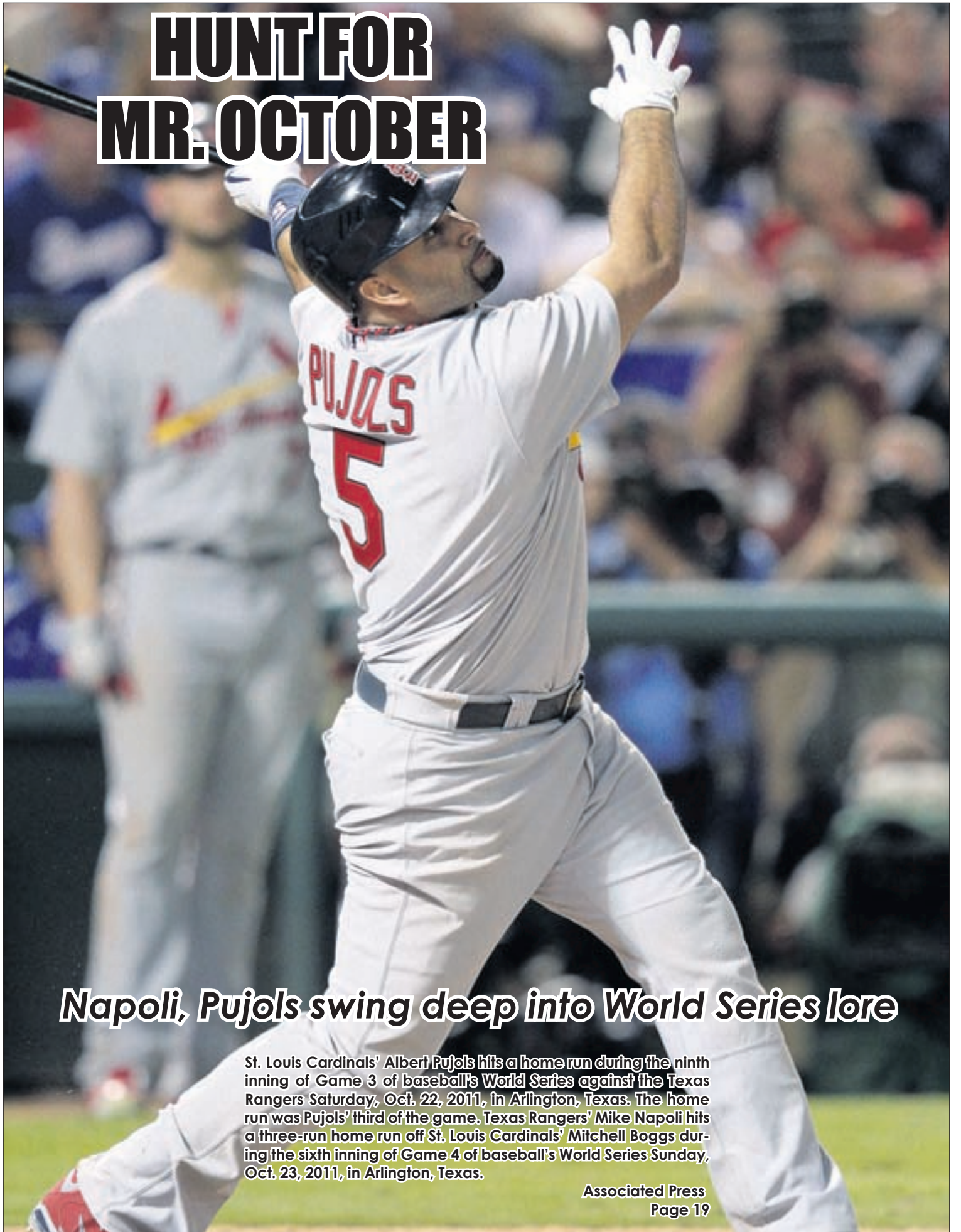
Wozniacki, Kvitová start with wins WTA finals

ISTANBUL (AP) — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki rallied to defeat Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 Tuesday in their opening round-robin match at the WTA Championships.

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová and U.S. Open winner Sam Stosur also began the group stage with a victory at the season-ending tournament. Kvitová beat Vera Zvonareva of Russia 6-2, 6-4 in the Red Group — which also includes Wozniacki and Radwanska — while Stosur defeated Maria Sharapova 6-1, 7-5 in the White Group. Wozniacki wasted a 4-2 lead in the third set but broke again when Radwanska netted a forehand on the Dane's second match point.

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Napoli, Pujols swing deep into World Series lore

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols hits a home run during the ninth inning of Game 3 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, in Arlington, Texas. The home run was Pujols' third of the game. Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli hits a three-run home run off St. Louis Cardinals' Mitchell Boggs during the sixth inning of Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

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In this July 10, 2011 file photo, United States' Abby Wambach, left, and Hope Solo celebrate winning the quarterfinal match between Brazil and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Dresden, Germany.

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Solo, Wambach, Marta up for player of the year

ZURICH (AP) — United States goalkeeper Hope Solo and forward Abby Wambach were nominated on Tuesday for the 2011 FIFA Women's World Player of the Year award, competing with five-time winner Marta of Brazil.

Japan, the 2011 Women's World Cup winner, has Homare Sawa, the player of the tournament and top scorer in Germany, and Aya Miyama on a 10-woman shortlist.

U.S. forward Alex Morgan is the third member of the

World Cup runner-up team to be nominated. France playmaker Louisa Necib also made the shortlist chosen by FIFA officials and journalists selected by "France Football" magazine. Marta, who helped the Western New York Flash win the Women's Professional Soccer title last season, is seeking to win the FIFA award for a sixth straight year. She is the only player selected from the Brazil squad eliminated by the U.S. in the World Cup quarterfinals. □

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Wozniacki had also wasted three set points in the first set of a match where both players struggled to hold serve on the indoor hard court. The second set alone featured six breaks of serve, with Wozniacki getting four of them.

"It was a bit frustrating not to get the first set after having three set points, but I managed to keep my head cool and just fight back," Wozniacki said.

Making her first appearance at the season-ending tournament for the top eight players of the season, Kvitova wasted a 4-1 lead to be level at 4-4 in the second set but broke again immediately before wrapping up the win.

Stosur breezed through

the first set without facing a break point against the second-ranked Sharapova, who played her first match since pulling out of the quarterfinals in Tokyo with an ankle injury last month. But Sharapova found her rhythm early in the second set, where she took a 3-0 lead and had a chance to break again in the fourth game. But Stosur held and leveled the score before breaking again for 6-5. "It did take me a while to get going," Sharapova said. "It's obviously tough to come back after a month and compete at this level. But the good thing is that I gave myself a chance, and I did everything I could to even be here."

Sharapova finished with six double faults and only hit 59 percent of her first serves — compared to 74 percent

NBA: Union, not Cuban, proposed eliminating cap



Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, right, arrives for labor talks between the NBA and the players' association, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 in New York.

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By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

The NBA players' association, not Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, proposed the elimination of the salary cap during negotiations aimed at ending months of labor strife, a league official said Tuesday.

NBA senior vice president Mike Bass said union executive director Billy Hunter made "several misstatements" during an hour-long podcast with ESPN.com on Monday. Among them was the revelation of the salary cap plan, which Bass said was actually an exception to the cap, not the elimination of it.

Hunter said that, during a meeting last week, Cuban proposed what he called a "game changer" — a plan to replace the salary cap with a heavy tax for teams that spent to a certain level. Hunter said the players were interested in discussing it further and that two or three other owners in the room were really excited about it, but then were told by the owners they wouldn't pursue it.

"On behalf of the league, Mark Cuban proposed adding a new salary cap exception, not eliminating the salary cap," Bass said. "It was the union that, in response, proposed eliminating the salary cap, a proposal that was even worse for the NBA than the union's prior proposals." Cuban did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Hunter speculated during the podcast that owners backed away from the idea of eliminating the salary cap because it had been implemented under Commissioner David Stern long ago.

"And so I don't know whether there's any push-back because of that," Hunter said. □



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki returns to Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska during the WTA Championship final in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011.

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for Stosur.

The top two players in each group advance to the semifinals.

This is the first time the tournament is held in Istanbul, after being staged in Doha,

Qatar, the last three years. "The surface is a little bit weird," Radwanska said. "It's pretty slow. So you really have to be used to it. I just hope I can play better in the next match." □

Napoli, Pujols swing deep into World Series lore

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols made the first big dent in this World Series, then it was Mike Napoli's turn. Bases loaded, eighth inning, tie game. A ballpark full of fans on their feet, "Nap-Oh-Lee" flashing on the scoreboard, crowd chanting his name. And boy did he deliver. A booming double that put his Texas Rangers one win from their first championship, a gigantic hit that moved him closer to possibly becoming the Series MVP.

Napoli and the Rangers can close out the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 at Busch Stadium on Wednesday night. If they do, the catcher who was traded twice within a week in January will be a central part of the lore.

It happens every fall. Someone steps up — maybe a monster talent like Pujols, perhaps a good player like Napoli given a chance when the stars align. Might even be a fringe guy — Allen Craig for St. Louis this year, Cody Ross for San Francisco the last time around.

A huge swing or two or three, a masterful job on the mound, a sparkling play in the field can do more than win a game. They can create a legacy that lasts forever.

Just ask "Mr. October." "It absolutely can define a career," Reggie Jackson said by telephone this week. "I'm not saying whether that's right or wrong, but that's how it happens."

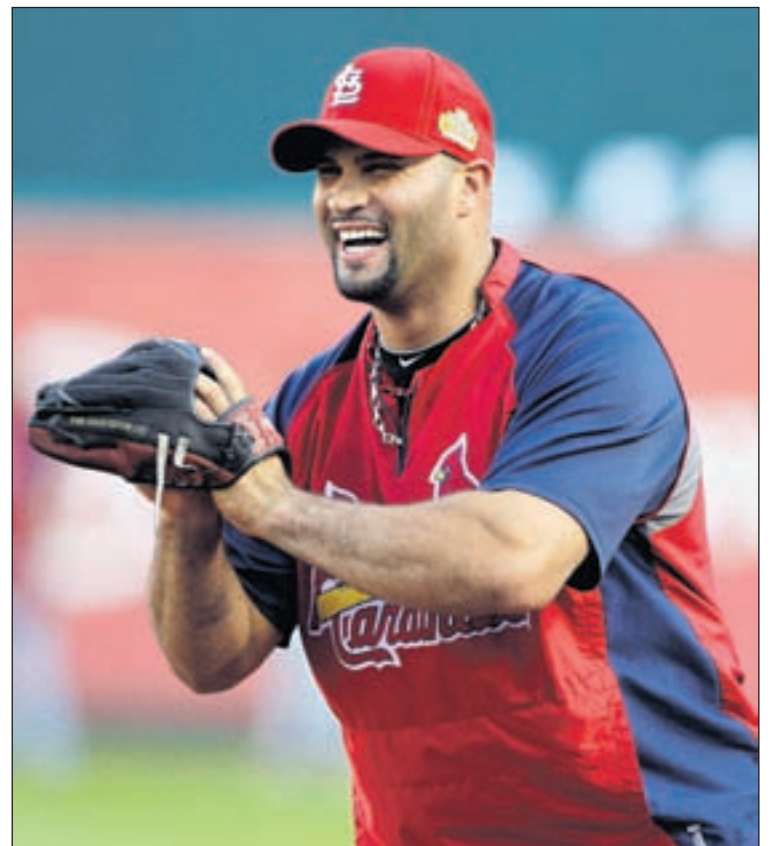
"What year did Babe Ruth call his shot? 1932? You still see kids out there, call-

ing their shot. That game wasn't on TV, those kids didn't see it. But they've heard about it, they know about it all these years later."

Jackson hit a Game 7 home run in a 1973 win, then earned a nickname for life when he homered three times in the Series-clinching victory in 1977. Suppose he'd done a little less, say, hit three balls off the wall at Yankee Stadium on that signature night. Would he still be "Mr. October?"



Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli waits to bat during batting practice before Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols prepares for Game 4 of baseball's World Series, against the Texas Rangers Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

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"Probably not," he said. Already a three-time NL MVP, Pujols put on what many called the greatest hitting show in postseason history when he tied Series records with three home runs, six RBIs and five hits during the Cardinals' romp in Game 3.

Those are Pujols' only hits in the Series so far, with Texas often pitching around him or simply issuing intentional walks. Yet if the Cardinals win the championship, chances are his pulverizing

performance will be featured in the highlights for years to come.

Not everyone gets the opportunity. Ted Williams slumped in his lone World Series, fellow Hall of Famer Ernie Banks never got close. Nolan Ryan made 773 starts over 27 seasons, yet his total Series time amounted to a relief appearance of 2 1-3 innings for the champion 1969 Mets. The Rangers president and part-owner understands the October glare. □

Tour to delay sending player of the year ballots

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — The PGA Tour player of the year race isn't over yet.

The tour decided Monday to wait two weeks before sending ballots to the players because of the HSBC Champions in Shanghai, a World Golf Championship event Nov. 3-6 that counts as official if a PGA Tour member wins it.

The plan was for the ballots to go out Tuesday until tour officials realized a change in the schedule. A year ago, the HSBC Champions was played the week before the season-ending event

at Disney. This is a non-Ryder Cup year, so the WGC event is two weeks after.

"It's important because it's an official win for a member, and that should hold the ballot open," said Andy Pazder, the tour's chief of operations. When we send out the ballot, we have a brief summary of the player's year on the PGA Tour. It would be a glaring omission if someone won the tournament and that wasn't on there."

Luke Donald became a strong favorite for player of the year when he won Disney on Sunday, making six straight birdies on the back nine for a 64 to win by two shots. It was his second vic-

tory of the year — as many as six other plays — and Donald also captured the money title and Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average.

Donald has said he likely would play in Shanghai if his wife has given birth to their second child.

PGA champion Keegan Bradley is the only multiple winner on the PGA Tour who also has a major. Bradley is among those playing in Shanghai next week. A win would give him three for the year, including a major and a World Golf Championship.

Also playing is Masters champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa,



Keegan Bradley reacts after a triple bogey on the 15th hole during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

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who has not missed a cut this year. Schwartzel is not likely to be on the ballot now, but adding a world title to his major championship could make a difference. "It could affect who's on the ballot, and it could affect someone's resume who is on the ballot," Pazder said.

He said players still would have until Dec. 9 to return the ballots.

The HSBC Champions does not count toward the PGA Tour money list. Starting last year, the tour decided it would count as official if won by a PGA Tour member, including a spot in the Tournament of Champions in Hawaii. □

Jaguars shut down Flacco and Co., beat Ravens, win 12-7

MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Florida

(AP) — Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew ran for 105 yards against the NFL's best run defense as the Jaguars ended a five-game NFL slide with victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Monday.

Stepping into the national spotlight of Monday night football, the Jaguars used their best defensive effort in five years to slow down Ray Rice, Joe Flacco and Co.

Jacksonville didn't allow a first down until the 5:26 mark of the third quarter, due to a mix of stout defense and inept offense.

Flacco finally got the Ravens on the scoreboard with a little more than two minutes remaining. He capped a 90-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Anquan Boldin.

The Ravens failed to recover an onside kick when the ball bounced inches short of going the required 10 yards. Jaguars kicker Josh Scobee followed with his third field goal of at least 50 yards; he kicked four in



Jacksonville Jaguars outside linebacker Daryl Smith (52) sacks Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco (5) during the third quarter of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in Jacksonville, Fla.

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all to account for the entire team score. Baltimore had one more chance with a final possession, but in fitting fashion, Jacksonville's defense came up big. Drew

Coleman stepped in front of Ed Dickson and intercepted Flacco's final pass. The Ravens finished with just 146 total yards. The Jaguars had 205.

The Jaguars set a franchise record by allowing only 16 yards in the first half, including 1 yard passing by Flacco, who was under relentless pressure for much of

the night.

Baltimore finally got a first down on its 28th play of the game when Rice broke off a 12-yard run. That was only the second play longer than 10 yards for the Ravens, although they picked up two more first downs on the drive. It ended when Dwight Lowery sacked Flacco, and Billy Cundiff's 52-yard field goal attempt went wide right.

The teams combined to go 0 of 16 on third-down conversions in the opening half. The Jaguars began the third quarter with six first downs. The Ravens stopped Jacksonville, but Brendon Ayanbadejo was called for a personal foul and ejected from the game when he punched Guy Whimper in the face-mask after the play. That gave the Jaguars first-and-goal from the 3, but Blaine Gabbert failed to complete two passes in the end zone and Scobee kicked a 22-yard field goal.

The Ravens had 10 possessions through three quarters — eight punts, a missed field goal and Rice's fumble in the third quarter. The first time they reached Jacksonville territory, midway through the second quarter, they went backward 33 yards. Michael Oher was called for holding twice, and Flacco completed two passes that lost yards both times.

In a play that summed up Baltimore's night, Jeremy Mincey knocked down Flacco's pass. Flacco caught the ball and ran toward the left sideline until he was slung down for an 8-yard loss. Jacksonville wasn't much better offensively, though that wasn't a surprise. The Jaguars are last in the NFL in offense, the lone hope coming from Jones-Drew. He carried 30 times, most of them right into the middle of Baltimore's revered defense. Gabbert completed 9 of 20 passes for 93 yards. Flacco was 21 of 38 for 137 yards. Rice ran eight times for 28 yards. Baltimore's star was Sam Koch, who punted nine times for a 52.2 yard average. □

Fears for Pronger as Flyers win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia defenseman Chris Pronger left the game after taking a vicious stick to the face, leaving the Flyers concerned over the health of their captain after a 4-2 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL on Monday.

Pronger and Toronto's Mikhail Grabovski sprinted for a loose puck in the circle after a rebound. Grabovski slapped at the puck, but his stick connected with Pronger's and the blade shot straight up into the defenseman's face.

Pronger screamed in agony and instantly clutched his face. Hunched over, he skated straight to the bench, his hands over his eyes, and went to the dressing room with 8:02 left in the first period.

Jaromir Jagr and Scott Hartnell each scored their first two goals of the season



Philadelphia Flyers' Brayden Schenn, right, watches as the puck bounces away from Toronto Maple Leafs goalie Jonas Gustavsson during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in Philadelphia.

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for the Flyers.

Panthers 2, Canadiens 1 In Montreal, Jacob Markstrom made 40 saves to preserve Florida's win over slumping Montreal. and Scottie Upshall scored

5:02 into the third period to help the Florida Panthers extend Montreal's losing streak to six.

Markstrom made his second career start and recorded his second straight

win.

Tomas Fleischmann scored a power-play goal in the first for Florida, and Scottie Upshall netted in the third. Montreal lost a sixth straight and fell to 1-5-2, continuing its worst start in 70 years. It is the deepest the Canadiens have gone into a season with only one win since 1941-42.

Rangers 2, Jets 1

In Winnipeg, Ryan Callahan scored a power-play goal to help New York edge Winnipeg.

Callahan scored his team's second power-play goal of the night at 8:41 of the third period.

Ruslan Fedotenko also scored with the man advantage early in the second period for the Rangers, and Dan Girardi assisted on both goals.

Nik Antropov scored for the Jets late in the second period. □



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Pacquiao takes it personally in third Marquez fight

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Manny Pacquiao never takes his fights personally. The pound-for-pound king's opponents are usually quite respectful of his throne, and the easygoing Pacquiao shrugs off any stray insults with a smile.

Not this time. Not in his third fight with Juan Manuel Marquez, the closest thing to an archrival for this unrivaled eight-division champion. Pacquiao's trainers are sensing an unsettling edge in the Filipino congressman, who started an all-out training regimen with pre-dawn runs and lengthy gym workouts before the fight was even announced.

The steady stream of bloody, beaten sparring partners leaving the Wild Card Gym testifies to a focus that nobody in Pacquiao's camp has ever seen.

"I'm not upset, but I get excited because he's claiming that he won the fights," Pacquiao said while wrapping his hands in the broom closet that serves as his dressing room at trainer Freddie Roach's gym in Hollywood.

"That's why I train hard, because I want to end this, all the doubts. This is our last fight."

Pacquiao admits he's insulted by Marquez's boastful insistence that he won their first two fights, which ended in a draw in 2004 and a split decision for Pacquiao in 2008. Marquez even traveled to the Philippines to plead his case to the public, wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with: "We Were Robbed."

In truth, both bouts were dazzling displays of style

and heart, with Pacquiao's aggression and toughness matching Marquez's counterpunching and combinations for 24 fascinating rounds. Pacquiao knocked down Marquez three times in the first round of the first fight, and he floored Marquez once in the rematch, but Marquez rallied both times to even the bouts, doing more damage to Pacquiao than any opponent in the past decade.

"It seems personal to him because he talks too much, and he needs to prove it," said Pacquiao, who will meet Marquez at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas on Nov. 12. "He talks a lot, and it's not good for a fighter to talk a lot without action."

Me, I don't talk a lot. I just do some action."

Pacquiao is sparring more aggressively and running more miles than he usually does at this point in his preparation for a fight, Roach said. He's also training smarter, with strength trainer Alex Ariza finally selling him on the benefits of an occasional day off to rejuvenate the calf muscles that cramped against Marquez.

"I don't think I've seen him more focused, and I think it's because it's personal, for sure," Ariza said shortly before Pacquiao knocked another palooka through the Wild Card ropes twice in the same sparring round.

"When something is personal, it's a lot different. He knows that he has to make a statement in this one. With everyone having questions about the first two, he has to make sure in this one that there's no doubt. ... We're going through sparring partners like you change



In this photo made Oct. 20, 2011, boxer Manny Pacquiao trains at the Wild Card Boxing Club in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. Pacquiao is insulted by Juan Manuel Marquez's insistence that he won their first two fights. The pound-for-pound king is determined to leave no doubt next month.

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underwear. I'm surprised that these guys are still coming back."

Even with his stellar career in full bloom over the past two years, Pacquiao has been generous to a fault with his recent opponents. He noticeably let up on Joshua Clottey and Antonio Margarito when they couldn't

match him last year, and he irked many fans by constantly touching gloves with over-the-hill Sugar Shane Mosley last May, even hugging Mosley before the 12th round.

"I don't see Manny even touching gloves (with Marquez)," Ariza said. "He has a disdain for the guy, and

I've never known him to dislike anyone. ... Manny is still a nice guy and everything, but there's something very Third World about him when he wants to be. He can be merciless. I've seen it, and it's been a long time since I've seen that. Usually he lets guys off the hook. He isn't letting anybody off the hook."

It's unlikely Pacquiao would get a hug back from Marquez, a relentless competitor from the old-school Mexican tradition of brawlers. Marquez and his trainer, Nacho Beristain, are still sore losers about the second fight, with Beristain improbably alleging corruption in the judging when Pacquiao won by one round on one judge's scorecard.

Pacquiao insists he won't be disappointed if he doesn't knock out Marquez, but his trainers will be surprised. The WBO welterweight title bout will be fought at a 144-pound catch weight, and Pacquiao fights comfortably at a weight Marquez has only tried once before — in a one-sided loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

"I don't think this fight is going to go six rounds," Roach said.

"With Manny's footwork, he's just a completely different animal to the guy that fought Marquez the first time. (Marquez) has gotten up against Manny before, but I don't think he's going to be able to get up from the power Manny has now. He's a much stronger guy than he was at those smaller weight classes. He's just a completely different animal. We can put it to bed, finally shut them up, and be happy." □

Sexy Halloween, By: Dr. Carlos Viana

As a Medical Anthropologist I am fascinated when I see a culture change or adopt a holiday. Here in Aruba as in most of Latin America, November 1st is All Saint's Day when we visit the graves of departed family members. We clean the tombs, decorate the graves with flowers, pray and remember our departed loved ones.

The Mexican and Filipino celebration of the memory of their deceased ancestors called El Día de los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead also occurs on November 1 and November 2, and is coinciding with the similar Roman Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Yet, we need to realize that "A rose by any other name is still a rose".

All of these celebrations are reflections of rituals celebrating the lives of our ancestors. Our Meso-american ancestors have performed these rituals for at least 3,000 years; where it was common practice to enact rituals to symbolize death and rebirth.

We appreciate that some of us do not need much rationale to party, but the adoption of Halloween on the eve of All Saint's Day has many social critics denouncing the adoption as Americanization influences. Perhaps, but cultures do not adopt anything unless an emotional need is being satisfied.

Halloween observed on October 31, the

eve of All Saints' Day is based on a medieval European concept of death, and is populated by demons, usually female witches and other images of terror.

Our Indo-Hispanic custom of All Saint's Day or The Day of the Dead, in contrast, is distinctly different. Our celebration demonstrates strong sense of love and respect for one's ancestors; celebrates the continuance of life, family relationships, community solidarity; positive concepts! Then why has our culture so quickly embraced the ancient British and Irish Celtic festival of Samhain eve an occasion for one of the ancient fire festivals when huge bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits?

Professionally, in our clinic I witness endless medical complaints rooted in emotional problems. The psychologist, Carl Jung stated that you have two overriding tasks in your life; in the first half of your life you need to become comfortable with your sexuality and in the second half of your life you need to accept your mortality.

All human activity is explained as work being done in one of these categories. I explain the rapid adoption of Halloween by Latin Americans as an opportunity to symbolically overlay our dominant emotions, sex and death.

Besides the adoption, we are also experienc-

ing that increasingly Halloween is a holiday for adults. Adults now represent up to sixty five percent of Halloween costume sales, a noticeable shift compared with years past. Also, we are observing that the costumes selling the quickest are those that are sexy adult Halloween costumes and games.

Most adults love Halloween because it is a great excuse to let your imagination go wild. Deep down we all want to be desired, to be seen as sexy and attractive. All that dressing up, play-acting behind the costume mask is liberating for many. The mystery of the mask allows people to do things they normally wouldn't do, without having to worry about the consequences such as gossip, rejection or a tarnished reputation.

If no one knows who the person behind the mask is, why would they care about what people think of their actions?

Unfortunately, one holiday a year does not provide all the opportunity to learn and for our soul to grow. The path to true health is a journey to understanding who we are. In balance or health the opposites live together in us in harmony.

Our existence on earth is experienced as yin and yang, up and down, light and darkness, love and power, good and evil, masculine and feminine, and so on.

In our souls exists

all that we human beings have experienced over and over again since the very beginning of human existence on Earth, and this wisdom becomes visible through several expressions including dreams, art, myths and in many cases a physical illness. When people are ill, there is for them an opportunity to find out what is going on deep in their souls because, frequently, a physical illness is an expression of a wound in the soul.

All feelings, sensation, including pain and medical symptoms are expressions of energy. Energy in your body is either free flowing and balanced or blocked and painful. One of the most powerful tools of the Healing Spirit is acupuncture that uses mainly fine needles, to stimulate points on the body to relieve pain and associated emotional block.

There is considerable medical evidence that acupuncture is effective against nausea, pain, psychological, respiratory and digestive problems.

Get The Point! I heard that in New York City the Museum of Sex is hosting a masquerade party that includes an exclusive after-hours tour of the museum. Partygoers will also enjoy an open bar, dancing, live entertainment and a deluxe gift bag.

Masquerade guests are encouraged to dress up in sexy costume and masks will be available at the



door for anyone in need. You might think it's a time where people put on masks and dance the night away. You're right, but there is much more to Halloween than meets the eye. Are you looking for a more lasting way to help you soul grow away from pain? Call to make an appointment..

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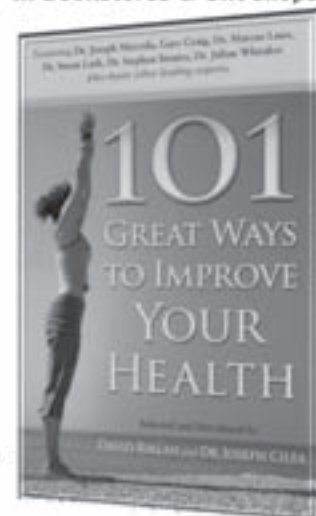
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Science fiction-style sabotage a fear in new hacks

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer
SAN JOSE, California (AP) —

When a computer attack hobbled Iran's unfinished nuclear power plant last year, it was assumed to be a military-grade strike, the handiwork of elite hacking professionals with nation-state backing.

Yet for all its science fiction sophistication, key elements have now been replicated in laboratory settings by security experts with little time, money or specialized skill. It is an alarming development that shows how technical advances are eroding the barrier that has long prevented computer assaults from leaping from the digital to the physical world.

The techniques demonstrated in recent months highlight the danger to operators of power plants, water systems and other critical infrastructure around the world.

"Things that sounded extremely unlikely a few years ago are now coming along," said Scott Borg, director of the U.S. Cyber Consequences Unit, a non-profit group that helps the U.S. government prepare for future attacks.

While the experiments have been performed in laboratory settings, and the findings presented at security conferences or in technical papers, the danger of another real-world attack such as the one on Iran is profound.

The team behind the so-called Stuxnet worm that was used to attack the Iranian nuclear facility may still be active.

New malicious software with some of Stuxnet's original code and behavior has surfaced, suggesting ongoing reconnaissance against

industrial control systems.

And attacks on critical infrastructure are increasing. The Idaho National Laboratory, home to secretive defense labs intended to protect U.S. power grids, water systems and other critical infrastructure, has responded to triple the number of computer attacks from clients this year over last, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has revealed. For years, ill-intentioned hackers have dreamed of plaguing the world's infrastructure with a brand of sabotage reserved for Hollywood.

They've mused about wreaking havoc in industrial settings by burning out power plants, bursting oil and gas pipelines, or stalling manufacturing plants. But a key roadblock has prevented them from causing widespread destruction: they've lacked a way to take remote control of the electronic "controller" boxes that serve as the nerve centers for heavy machinery.

The attack on Iran changed all that. Now, security experts — and presumably, malicious hackers — are racing to find weaknesses. They've found a slew of vulnerabilities.

Think of the new findings as the hacking equivalent of Moore's Law, the famous rule about computing power that it roughly doubles every couple of years.

Just as better computer chips have accelerated the spread of PCs and consumer electronics over the past 40 years, new hacking techniques are making all kinds of critical infrastructure — even prisons — more vulnerable to attacks.

One thing all of the findings have in common is that mitigating the threat requires

organizations to bridge a cultural divide that exists in many facilities.

Among other things, separate teams responsible for computer and physical security need to start talking to each other and coordinate efforts.

Many of the threats at these facilities involve electronic equipment known as controllers.

These devices take computer commands and send instructions to physical machinery, such as regulating how fast a conveyor belt moves.

They function as bridges between the computer and physical worlds. Computer hackers can exploit them to take over physical infrastructure.

Stuxnet, for example, was designed to damage centrifuges in the nuclear plant being built in Iran by affecting how fast the controllers instructed the centrifuges to spin. Iran has blamed the U.S. and Israel for trying to sabotage what it says is a peaceful program.

Security researcher Dillon Beresford said it took him just two months and \$20,000 in equipment to find more than a dozen vulnerabilities in the same type of electronic controllers used in Iran.

The vulnerabilities, which included weak password protections, allowed him to take remote control of the devices and reprogram them.

"What all this is saying is you don't have to be a nation-state to do this stuff.

That's very scary," said Joe Weiss, an industrial control system expert. "There's a perception barrier, and I think Dillon crashed that barrier."

One of the biggest makers of industrial controllers is Sie-



Researcher Dillon Beresford poses for a photo at his office, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, in Austin, Texas.

Associated Press

mens AG, which made the controllers in question. The company said it has alerted customers, fixed some of the problems and is working closely with CERT, the cy-

bersecurity arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Siemens said the issue largely affects older models of controllers. □

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Stocks fall as hopes for Europe debt deal falter

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed with steep losses Tuesday after disappointing corporate earnings and reports that a key meeting of European financial ministers had been canceled. Assets that tend to hold their value in a weak economy like U.S. government debt and gold rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 207 points. It had gained 409 points over the previous three days.

Manufacturing conglomerate 3M cut its 2011 earnings forecast, and U.S. Steel warned that demand for its products could slow. Netflix Inc. plunged 35 percent after the company cut its profit forecast and said it is losing subscribers following a price increase in July. After the market closed, Amazon Inc. plunged 17 percent after its earnings came in far below Wall Street's forecasts.

The market was also pulled lower by a report that consumer confidence plunged in October to the lowest level since March 2009. The Conference Board index measures how shoppers feel about business conditions, the job market and their outlook for the next six months.

"It's hard to parse this data and find any way that you



Specialist James Denaro, right, works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

can glean something positive about it," said Tim Speiss, vice president at EisnerAmpner Wealth Planning.

The Dow fell 207 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 11,706.62. 3M fell 6.3 percent, the largest drop among the 30 stocks that make up the Dow average. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 25.14, or 2 percent, to 1,229.05. The Nasdaq dropped 61.02, or 2.3 percent, to 2,638.42. The losses turned the Nasdaq negative for the year once again. A rally Monday left the index up 1.8 percent for 2011.

Small company stocks fell far more than the broader market, a sign that investors were shunning assets perceived as being risky. The

Russell 2000, an index of small companies, plunged 3 percent, reversing a gain of 3.3 percent Monday.

Prices for assets seen as stable stores of value rose. The yield on 10-year Treasury notes fell to 2.14 percent from 2.23 percent late Monday. Bond yields fall when investors send their prices higher. Gold rose 2.9 percent.

The latest headlines from Europe cast doubt over whether leaders there can agree on a comprehensive solution for the region's debt crisis in time for a summit Wednesday. Europe's ongoing debt crisis has been behind much

of the market's big moves lately.

European officials are working to patch together a plan that will prevent banks from taking huge losses if the Greek government defaults on its bonds. A messy default could lead to a credit freeze-up similar to the one in 2008 following the fall of Lehman Brothers. Anticipation of a solution to Europe's debt mess and strong profit reports from Caterpillar Inc., McDonald's Inc. and other major U.S. companies helped the S&P 500 surge 14.1 percent from Oct. 3, when it slumped to its lowest point of the year, through Monday's close. □

Oil prices down

CHRIS KAHN
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — International oil prices fell Tuesday on disappointing corporate earnings in the U.S. and doubts that European leaders can agree on a plan to resolve that region's debt crisis.

The price of Brent, which is used to price oil imported into the U.S., fell 53 cents to end the day at \$110.92 per barrel in London.

Another key variety of crude saw higher prices on Tuesday. Benchmark U.S.



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crude — known as West Texas Intermediate — is now at its highest level since early August.

The price is up partly because of a complicated trading strategy under which energy traders sell Brent and buy WTI to make money on the price difference.

WTI on Tuesday rose \$1.90, or 2.1 percent, to finish at \$93.17 a barrel in on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

A sustained rise in WTI could eventually push gasoline prices higher, but analysts say that's not likely. U.S. refineries rely more on Brent than WTI, and Brent prices are falling. Also, compared

with last year, motorists are buying much less gasoline, even for the fall. MasterCard SpendingPulse, which tracks retail gasoline purchases in the U.S., says drivers have cut back at the pump for nearly eight months in a row.

MasterCard's latest survey, which was released Tuesday, said motorists bought 61.8 million barrels of gasoline last week, 2.8 percent less than the same period last year. Experts say motorists are cutting back because they can't afford to buy more. Prices flirted with \$4 per gallon (\$1.05 a liter) in May, and a gallon of regular is still about 63 cents higher than it was a year ago. □

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Earnings Preview:

Visa to report 4th-qtr results



Credit and debit card payment processor Visa Inc. is expected to report continued growth for its fiscal fourth quarter when it posts results after the markets close on Wednesday.

EILEEN CONNELLY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Credit and debit card payment processor Visa Inc. is expected to report continued growth for its fiscal fourth quarter when it post results after the markets close on Wednesday.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: The banks that issue the most Visa cards have reported strong gains in their card businesses in recent weeks, which bodes well for Visa's quarterly results. Morgan Stanley analyst Glenn Fodor said that bank results showed that card fundamentals continued to improve, "which should translate into steady and continued volume, revenue and earnings growth" for Visa.

The first portion of new federal regulations that limit

the fees banks can charge retailers for processing debit card purchases kicked in Oct. 1, so they won't impact the quarter's results. But analysts expect to hear some detail on how Visa's strategy for dealing with the rules is working so far this month.

Another part of the regulation requires merchants have a choice of which network handles their transactions, called "routing." This portion could more directly impact Visa if retailers choose to have transactions processed through lower-cost competition.

Bernstein Research analyst Rod Bourgeois said he thinks the routing issue the main risk to Visa, which doesn't issue cards but is the largest processor of debit transactions. □

Netflix shares tank

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Netflix shares plunged Tuesday after the one-time Wall Street favorite revealed a massive departure of subscribers angered by price increases and other questionable changes at the rental service that was created to make entertainment a snap.

Netflix revealed late Monday that it ended September with 23.8 million U.S. subscribers. That's down about 800,000 from June and worse than what the company had hinted at before. In September, the company predicted it will lose about 600,000 U.S. customers.

And it may get worse. Netflix said it expects more defections in coming months. The exodus began after the company raised its prices by as much as 60 percent in July and split up its streaming and DVD rental services. Its website was flooded by comments from angry

customers. Many people also canceled service, especially on the DVD-by-mail side. The company is betting that its future is in streaming video, and CEO Reed Hastings has said he expects Netflix's DVD subscriptions to steadily decline, much like what has happened to AOL Inc.'s dial-up Internet service.

But Netflix bungled a spin off its DVD-by-mail service, giving it the name Qwikster and creating separate accounts for people who wanted both DVDs and movie streaming. By doing so, the company created what many perceived as a more complicated rental process at a company that began its meteoric rise with a new, easier way of searching for and finding entertainment effortlessly. Netflix shares fell \$41.34, or 34.8 percent, to \$77.50 in late morning trading Tuesday. The stock is down from more than \$300 just 3 ½ months ago. The last time the stock was trading so



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low was in April 2010, but that was during its steep ascent.

The results prompted a downgrade to "Neutral" from "Buy" from Citi Investment Research analyst Mark Mahaney on Tuesday, who also slashed his target price on the stock to \$95 from \$220. □

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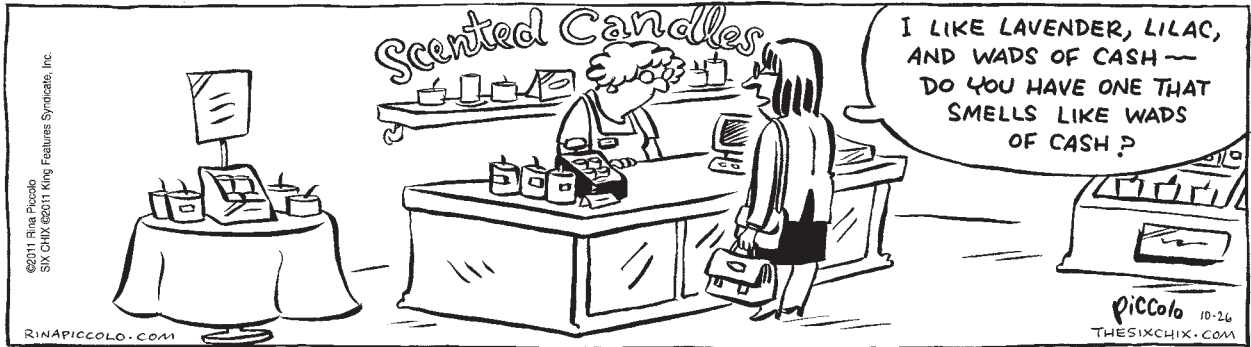
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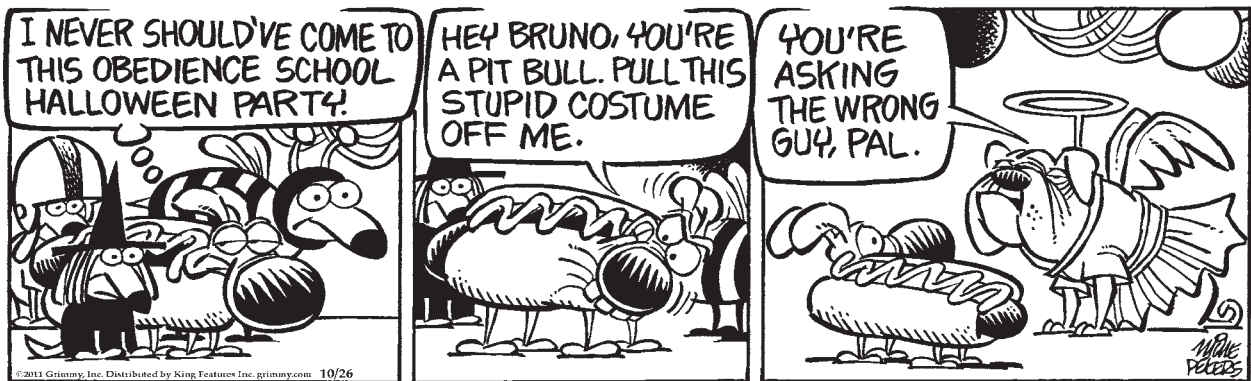
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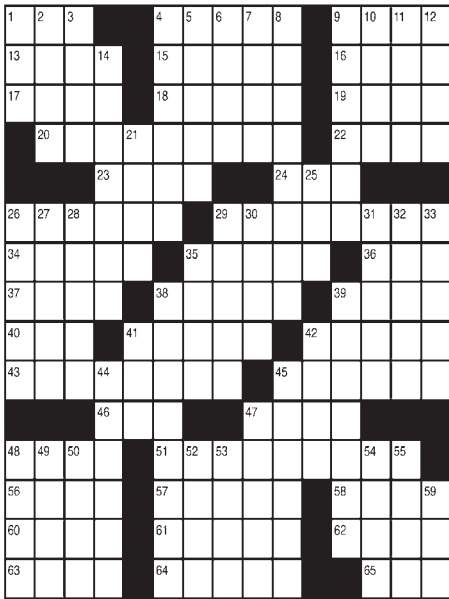
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ACROSS

- 1 Donaldson or Waterston
- 4 Hut
- 9 Pennsylvania and Fifth: abbr.
- 13 Piece of Greek Orthodox art
- 15 Capital of Vietnam
- 16 ___ it up; have a ball
- 17 Liver secretion
- 18 John of "The Addams Family"
- 19 College credit
- 20 Leaving
- 22 Tillis & Brooks
- 23 Wisk rival
- 24 Jailbird
- 26 Scrapbooks
- 29 Not crooked
- 34 Connery and Penn
- 35 Root beer ___; ice cream treat
- 36 Uncooked
- 37 Healthy
- 38 Scale; ascend
- 39 Wander; roam
- 40 Adam's wife
- 41 Alda and Ladd
- 42 Embankment
- 43 Getting comfy
- 45 Rely
- 46 Egg layer
- 47 Lamebrain
- 48 Tubular pasta
- 51 Loggers' tools
- 56 Smell
- 57 Common greeting
- 58 Actor James ___
- 60 New Jersey hoopers
- 61 Enthusiastic
- 62 Consequently
- 63 Vane direction
- 64 Arguments
- 65 In a rage

DOWN

- 1 Brother or sister, for short
- 2 ___ reflux; heartburn
- 3 Beauty spot



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 41 Ginger ___; soft drink
- 42 Thirteen popes
- 44 Craving for liquids
- 45 Benefactors
- 47 ___ mignon; steak choice
- 48 Region
- 49 Thought
- 50 Tykes
- 52 Pile
- 53 Seaweed
- 54 Toasty
- 55 Long detailed narrative
- 59 Wynken, Blynken and ___

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, October 26, the 299th day of 2011. There are 66 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1524 - Spain surrenders Milan to the French.

1795 - The first jackasses arrive in America through Boston Harbor as a gift from the King of Spain to U.S. President George Washington, so they could be mated with mares and produce America's first native mules.

1814 - The British governor general of India declares war on Gurkhas of Nepal.

1896 - Italy concedes Ethiopia's independence by Treaty of Addis Ababa after a crushing defeat at Adwa earlier in the year.

1917 - Brazil declares war against Germany in World War I.

1942 - U.S. aircraft carrier Hornet is sunk after being hit by Japanese aircraft in the Solomon Islands battle.

1947 - U.S. film actors Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall fly to Washington to protest alleged violations of personal freedom by the House Un-American Activities Committee in hearings on Communist infiltration in Hollywood.

1955 - Republic of South Vietnam is proclaimed under Ngo Dinh Diem.

1962 - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev offers to withdraw missiles from Cuba if United States removes bases in Turkey, but is rebuffed.

1975 - Anwar Sadat becomes the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States.

1979 - South Korea's President Park Chung-Hee is slain by his lifelong friend Kim Jae Kyu, the head of the Korean intelligence agency.

1987 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces an embargo on all U.S. imports from Iran because of its "unprovoked attacks" on American military forces and merchant ships.

1990 - President Alberto Fujimori announces a plan to employ free market incentives as a way to stop Peruvian farmers from their economic dependence on growing coca, the plant



Today is Hillary Rodham Clinton's birthday

used to make cocaine.

1992 - An elaborate pageant for Queen Elizabeth II in celebration of the 40th anniversary of her accession to the British throne is held in London.

1994 - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan sign a peace treaty ending 46 years of hostility.

1996 — As eastern Zaire slides into chaos, the United Nations evacuates aid workers from the camp in Bukavu,

leaving half a million Hutu refugees from Rwanda to fend for themselves.

1997 - Angola promises to withdraw its troops from Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of Congo, where they helped rebels oust elected President Pascal Lissouba.

1998 - Days after signing a peace accord with the Palestinians, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu beats a no-confidence vote in Parliament.

1999 - Britain's House of Lords votes to end the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in Britain's upper chamber of Parliament.

2000 - Supporters of Ivory Coast's president-elect and his political rival fight bloody clashes in Abidjan over a demand for new presidential elections.

2001 - U.S. President George W. Bush signs a sweeping anti-terrorism bill into law, giving police and intelligence agencies vast new powers.

2002 - Elite Russian counterterrorism forces storm a theater in Moscow, the Russian capital, after flooding it with knockout gas, bringing an end to a hostage crisis that had begun with the

theater's October 23 seizure by more than 50 Chechen guerrillas. At least 119 of the 750 hostages die.

2004 - Rebel leader Winter Etienne says that Haiti's U.S.-backed interim government must meet demands to rebuild the storm-devastated city of Gonaives or resign — and if not, the rebels will take up arms and the government will face another revolt.

2005 - Iraqi lawyers defending Saddam Hussein suspend further dealings with the Special Tribunal trying him until their safety is guaranteed, citing a recent kidnapping and murder of a lawyer representing one of the former dictator's co-defendants.

2006 - A riot in Congo's capital breaks out at the main jail, killing two prisoners, after authorities tightened restrictions following the escape of a dozen inmates convicted of involvement in the assassination of former President Laurent Kabila.

2007 - Nine French citizens who are a part of the group L'Arche de Zoe are arrested in Chad after the group tried to fly more than 100 African children to France, saying it wanted to save them from the crisis in neighboring Darfur. □

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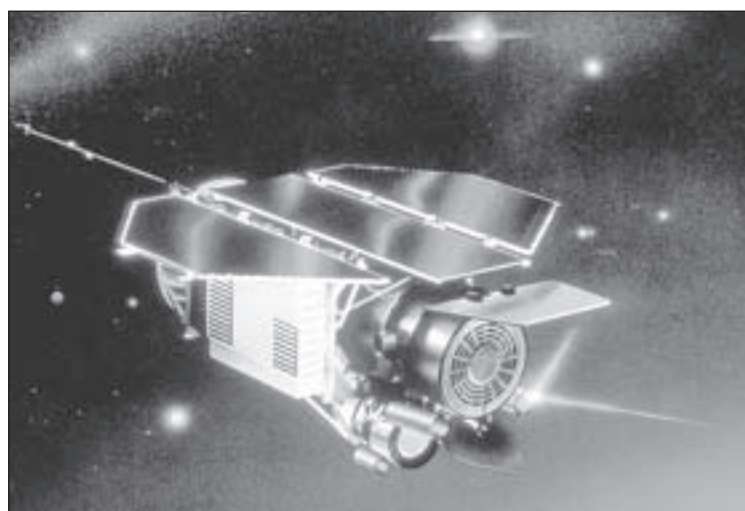
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German satellite crashed over Asia's Bay of Bengal

BERLIN (AP) — Heavily populated Asian cities avoided a dangerous collision with space junk last weekend as a defunct German satellite crashed into the sea somewhere between India and Myanmar. The ROSAT satellite re-entered the atmosphere at 9:50 p.m. Saturday EDT above South Asia's Bay of Bengal, but it remains unclear how much, if any, of its debris actually reached the sea's surface, the German Aerospace Center said Tuesday. Most of the 21-year-old satellite was expected to burn up as it hit the atmosphere, but up to 30 fragments weighing a total of 1.87 tons may have splashed into the sea. Scientists could no longer communicate with the defunct satellite, let alone control it.



Undated artist rendering provided by EADS Astrium shows the scientific satellite ROSAT.

Associated Press

Two Chinese cities with millions of residents each, Chongqing and Chengdu, were only minutes further northeast along the satellite's projected path, according to Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for As-

trophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The 2.69-ton scientific ROSAT satellite was launched in Cape Canaveral, Florida, in 1990 and retired in 1999 after being used for research on black holes and neutron stars. □

Japan tsunami debris floating toward Hawaii

JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Up to 20 million tons of tsunami debris floating from Japan could arrive on Hawaii's shores by early 2013, before reaching the West Coast, according to estimates by University of Hawaii scientists.

A Russian training ship spotted the junk — including a refrigerator, a television set and other appliances — in an area of the Pacific Ocean where the scientists from the university's International Pacific Research Center predicted it would be.

The biggest proof that the debris is from the Japanese tsunami is a fishing boat that's been traced to the Fukushima Prefecture, the area hardest hit by the March 11 disaster.

Jan Hafner, a scientific

computer programmer, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that researchers' projections show the debris would reach the coasts of Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Canada around 2014.

They estimate the debris field is spread out across an area that's roughly 2,000 miles long and 1,000 miles wide located between Japan and Midway Atoll, where pieces could wash up in January. Just how much has already sunk and what portion is still floating is unknown.

"It's a common misconception it's like one mat that you could walk on," he said.


Hafner and the principal researcher in the project, oceanographer Nikolai Maximenko, have been researching surface ocean currents since 2009. When the Japan earthquake and tsunamis struck, they applied their research to the rubble sucked into the Pacific Ocean from Japan. They used computer models to track its path, but until the Russian ship STS Pallada sailing from Honolulu contacted them last month, they had no direct observation of the massive debris field.

"From a scientific point of view, it was confirmation that our research was doing something right," Hafner said. "It was big news for us. But it was mixed feelings because you can't be excited about something as tragic as a tsunami."

The magnitude-9.0 earthquake produced the sort of devastation Japan hadn't seen since World War II, leaving more than 21,000 dead or injured. □

Father of artificial intelligence dies in Calif.

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — John McCarthy, a pioneer in the field of artificial intelligence and professor emeritus at Stanford University, has died at age 84. The university announced that McCarthy died early Monday at his home in Palo Alto. McCarthy was a leader in artificial intelligence technology and

coined the term in a 1955 research paper. He believed computers could be programmed to simulate aspects of human intelligence. He also created the programming language, Lisp, which paved the way for voice recognition technology like Siri, the personal assistant on the newest iPhone. 

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Seinfeld actor uses comedy to push peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Former Seinfeld actor Jason Alexander says he isn't kidding around when it comes to promoting Mideast peace. Alexander, who played George Costanza in the legendary sitcom for a decade, was asked by Israeli President Shimon Peres in a meeting on Tuesday for advice on how to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Alexander said, that through comedy and humor, he hopes to help advance the idea of two states for two people. Peres playfully asked the actor if he could call him "George." Alexander laughed, and pointing to a crowd of reporters, said: "You can. Not them." □

Flaming Lips to give musical tribute to Steve Jobs



In this Sept. 5, 2007, file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduces the Apple Nano in San Francisco. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Jobs helped transform the way music is consumed, and now he's getting a musical tribute. Rockers the Flaming Lips will honor the late Apple co-founder by performing a cover of the Beatles' "Revolution" at the O Music Awards 2 on Oct. 31. The performance will be recorded with an iPad and broadcast on OMusicAwards.com, MTV announced Tuesday. Electronic-dance singer Robyn will headline the award show, which will take place in Los Angeles. □



In this Oct. 12, 2011 file photo, Johnny Depp, a cast member in the film "The Rum Diary," poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif. Based on the novel of the same name by the late Hunter S. Thompson, the film is released in theaters on Oct. 28.

Associated Press

Depp channels pal Hunter S. Thompson again for 'Rum Diary'

By **DAVID GERMAIN**
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Depp vividly recalls the first time he met Hunter S. Thompson, sparks flying as the author parted a bar crowd with a cattle prod and a Taser.

Seventeen years later, Depp is making good on one of his close friend's last wishes, producing and starring in a film adaptation of Thompson's "The Rum Diary," written in the early 1960s but not published until Depp stumbled on the manuscript a quarter-century after.

Depp and Thompson, who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in 2005, bonded instantly at that first meeting in 1994, when the actor was spending Christmas in Aspen, Colo., near the author's home.

A fan of Thompson's since reading the gonzo journalist's "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" in his late teens, Depp jumped at the chance when a mutual friend asked if he wanted to meet him.

Depp was told to turn up at the tavern at midnight. Soon after, Thompson entered brandishing his cattle prod and Taser.

"People were hurling their bodies, leaping out of the

way to try and save themselves from this maniac," Depp said in an interview. "Then he made his way to me. The sparks had died down, he just walked right up to me and put his hand out and said, 'How do you do? My name is Hunter.'"

Thompson and Depp quickly discovered they both were born in Kentucky and shared many literary heroes, among them Ernest Hemingway and Nathaniel West. Around 2:30 that morning, they were at Thompson's house, where Depp admired a nickel-plated shotgun on the wall.

"Would you like to fire it?" Depp recalled Thompson saying. "I said, 'Yeah. Great, man.' He says, 'All right, great.

We must build bombs.' So we built bombs in his sink out of propane tanks and nitroglycerin. Then we took them out back and he said, 'All right, you get first crack.' So I leveled that 12-gauge and I blew it up — 80-foot fireball.

"I think that was my kind of rite of passage with Hunter. I think that was my test that I was OK."

Depp went on to play Thompson's alter ego in the 1998 movie adaptation of "Fear and Loathing." While preparing for that

role, Depp spent time in the basement of Thompson's home, sorting through boxes of "Fear and Loathing" artifacts — "cherry stems and cocktail napkins and all these weird notations, and photographs of monkeys. Who knew what was in there?" Depp recalled. Then he opened another box and found a manuscript titled "The Rum Diary" in red letters. He figured Thompson had not looked at it since writing it decades earlier, the story based on the author's experiences as a young reporter in Puerto Rico.

Sitting cross-legged on the floor, Depp and Thompson passed pages back and forth. Within about half an hour, Depp had persuaded Thompson to publish the novel. In return, Thompson insisted they should do a film version.

They developed the project together for years, and Depp became even more committed to bringing the story to the screen after Thompson killed himself amid assorted maladies and declining health.

"There's nothing more delightful than to see an actor play a role that he puts everything into," said Graham King, a producer on "The Rum Diary." □

Effort to rebuild CBS News focuses on morning



In this May 2011 photo released by CBS, "CBS Evening News" anchor Scott Pelley, is shown. After a reboot of Scott Pelley's evening newscast, CBS News president David Rhodes and his boss, CBS News Chairman Jeff Fager are devoting much of their attention to the network's cellar-dwelling morning show.

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DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — David

Rhodes plucks a cassette tape from a cart in the CBS newsroom. It is an "On the Road" segment by Charles Kuralt that aired in 1971.

A classic, no doubt, and one that CBS News has stored digitally. So what is it doing there? What possible purpose does a 40-year-old tape serve in a newsroom undergoing renovation in 2011? Rhodes, a half-year into his new job as CBS News president, shakes his head. It is one of the small things he encounters in his effort to turn around a news division steeped in tradition (a gold plaque on the door to "CBS Evening News" producer Patricia Shevlin's office a few steps away identifies it as Edward R. Murrow's old office) yet has fallen into disrepair.

After a reboot of the evening newscast under Scott Pelley, Rhodes and his boss, CBS News Chairman Jeff Fager, are devoting much of their attention to the network's cellar-dwelling morning show. "We do think what we're cooking up is remarkable," said Rhodes, 37, who worked at Fox News Channel and Bloomberg before coming to CBS News.

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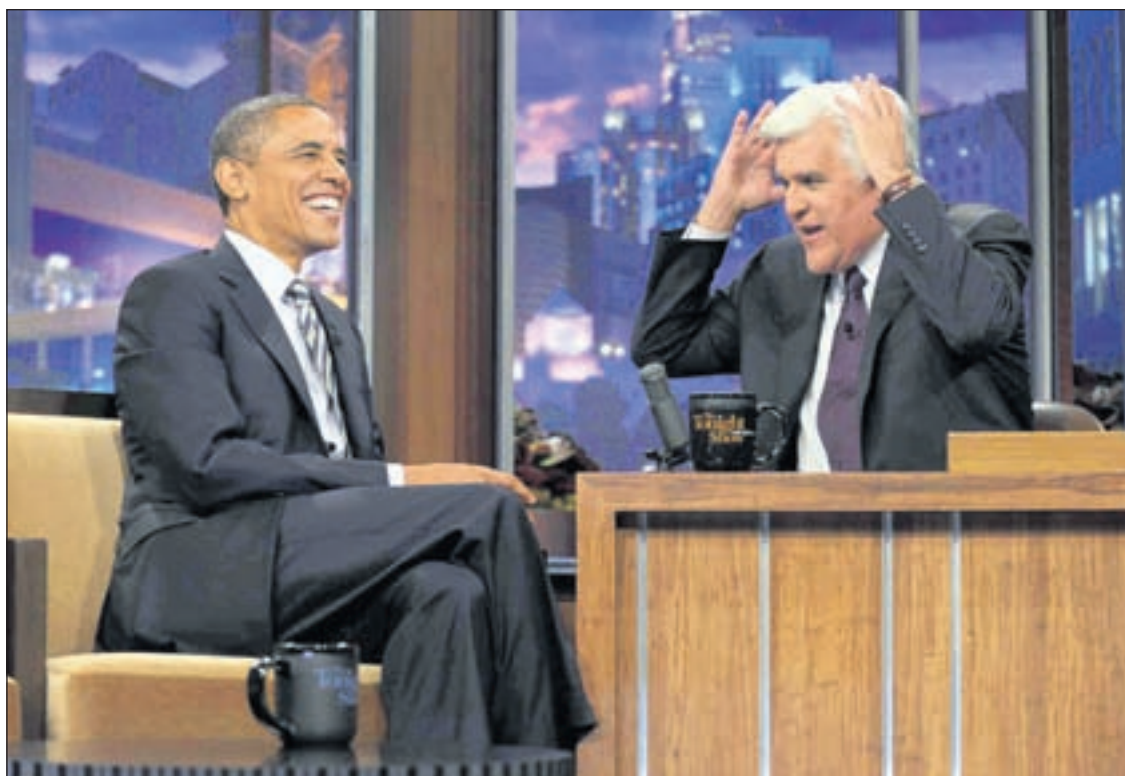
Obama tapes Leno on money swing with star power

By JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Barack Obama is making the rounds in reliably Democratic California, joking with Jay Leno and tapping the coffers of wealthy, celebrity donors as he raises money for his re-election bid. The president taped an appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" that was scheduled to air Tuesday night. It's his second stop on the show as sitting president and fourth appearance overall. From Los Angeles, Obama headed north to San Francisco for a fundraiser featuring a performance by folk rock singer-songwriter Jack Johnson. Obama also had fundraisers scheduled in Denver, all part of a three-day, three-state swing through the west. Tuesday's fundraisers follow star-studded campaign events in Los Angeles on Monday. Obama joined actor Will Smith and basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson at a dinner at the home of producer James Lassiter. Then he mingled with Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas over canapés at the movie star couple's home just a few blocks away. Obama was in California for money events last month. The state ranks as Obama's top donor state, and he raised about \$1 million in the Los Angeles area alone during the last two fundraising quarters, according to an Associated Press review of contributions above \$200. The western tour is one of Obama's busiest donor outreach trips of the season.

Celebrities are tried and true fundraising draw, particularly for Democratic presidents. Both the president and the stars bask in their reflected fame and the endorsement of stars can be a useful asset. Not that he needs the votes here. California is a solidly Democratic state, though Sacramento-based Democratic consultant Roger Salazar said the president, echoing national trends, is less popular now in the state than he was when he



President Barack Obama talks in between segments of an interview at The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in Burbank, Calif.

Associated Press

was elected.

"Democrats by their nature are going to give the president the benefit of the doubt," said Salazar, a veteran of California and national political campaigns. "But they want him to do something about it. They want to see some movement." Obama is promising some movement. He has been promoting his \$447 billion jobs bill, which has been broken up into its component parts in hopes Congress can pass some of them.

Addressing about 240 donors at the Bellagio hotel and casino in Las Vegas Monday, Obama said the pieces that Republicans reject would likely linger as campaign issues in 2012. "This is the fight that we're going to have right now, and I suspect this is the fight that we're going to have to have over the next year," Obama said. "The Republicans in Congress and the Republican candidates for president have made their agenda very clear."

Addressing donors in Los Angeles, Obama ticked off his administration's accomplishments, eager to reinvigorate supporters whose enthusiasm has flagged since his 2008 election.

"Sometimes I think people

forget how much has gotten done," the president said, as Smith and Johnson looked on. He urged his backers to rally once again,

at the same time joking, as he often does, that he is older and grayer now. "This election won't be as sexy as the first one." At Banderas' and Griffith's house,

its entrance path lined with rose petals and votive candles, Obama told about 120 mostly Latino contributors that he has kept a list of his campaign promises and that, by his count, he has accomplished about 60 percent of them.

"I'm pretty confident we can get the other 40 percent done in the next five years," he said to loud applause.

The Griffith-Banderas event was Obama's first Latino fundraiser, with donors giving at least \$5,000 per person to attend. It featured guests such as actress Eva Longoria, comedian George Lopez, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis and mayors Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles and Julian Castro of San Antonio.

Obama drew the loudest applause when he vowed to tackle an overhaul of immigration laws, a promise from 2008 that has gone unfulfilled in the face of Republican opposition. □

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That is a tease, since only outlines of what they are working on are known. PBS interviewer Charlie Rose told Newsweek that he has talked to CBS about hosting the show, although no decisions have been made. CBS News hired Chris Licht, former executive producer of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," and he sits next to Rhodes at a horseshoe-shaped desk in the middle of the CBS newsroom.

Veteran newsman John Miller was just hired as a correspondent.

The future of the current on-air team of Chris Wragge, Erica Hill and Jeff Glor is murky. National weather forecasts, and forecaster Marysol Castro, were cast aside for local reports.

The timing of a full-fledged relaunch is unclear, partly dependent on the physical renovation and construction of a new studio.

"We're building a facility and office that will be the envy of the industry," Licht

said. "Imagine how important that is to a staff that is working in what can only be described as the scent of Barney Miller."

Licht's hiring led many in the industry to assume CBS wanted to create its version of "Morning Joe," perhaps even the real thing if Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski became available.

Rhodes said it was less what Licht did at MSNBC that was as important as the fact that "it was different and it was successful. That's what we want."

The show's tenor already is clear. Much like the evening news, "The Early Show" has become a more serious newscast, upping the percentage of overseas and political news while leaving the makeup hints and rock concerts behind.

Rhodes recalled seeing a karaoke contest on "The Early Show" shortly after he started at CBS.

He wondered, "Tell me how this is news, exactly?"

On the wall of his office, Rhodes has a chart that tracks viewership of NBC's "Today" show, ABC's "Good

Morning America" and CBS' show.

The first two are almost mirror images: when one goes up a little, the other goes down. CBS, well behind, seems immune to the others' fluctuations.

He does not see the point in trying to copy them.

"CBS has finally come to understand what people have been saying for years:

You'll never beat the 'Today' show by trying to be the 'Today' show," said Beth Knobel, a Fordham University journalism professor who worked at CBS News from 1997 to 2006.

The show now is "more reflective of CBS News values," Rhodes said.

"A lot of people might say, 'It's not going to work, a harder news approach.' But we think there are a lot of people who are encouraged by that, want something like that and can't find it anywhere else."

Logic would seem to dictate doing something different from two more successful competitors. But even in third place, "The Early Show" has been profitable for CBS. Change puts that at risk. □

Have Glock, will travel



FRANK BRUNI

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Between the struggle to fold a sport jacket so it doesn't wrinkle, the 45-minute wait on a security line if I'm flying, the price of gas if I'm driving and the worry either way that I left the coffee maker on, I thought I was pretty well versed in the inconveniences and stresses of domestic travel. Hardly! Things could be much, much worse, namely if I were a gun owner with a permit to carry a concealed firearm in my home state and an itch to do so in any other state I visited as well.

As matters now stand, I'd have to defer to the laws of those states, which vary widely. In some, my permit from back home would suffice, even if getting it required little more than proper adult identification, proof of residency and a smile. The smile might even have been negotiable. A scowl and a clean felony record and I was good to go.

Other states are sticklers, recognizing only their own concealed-carry permits and granting or withholding those based on such killjoy criteria as whether someone has a violent misdemeanor conviction, a history of alcohol abuse or any actual training in weapon safety. Some free country, ours.

Thank heaven for the National Rifle Association, its sights ever fixed on the forces that try to separate Americans from the deadly firearms they like to keep snug at their sides.

The NRA is pushing a bill, the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011,

that would eliminate the gun-toting traveler's woes. Should it become law, any state that grants concealed-carry permits, no matter how strict the conditions, would be forced to honor a visitor's concealed-carry permit from another state, no matter how lax that state's standards.

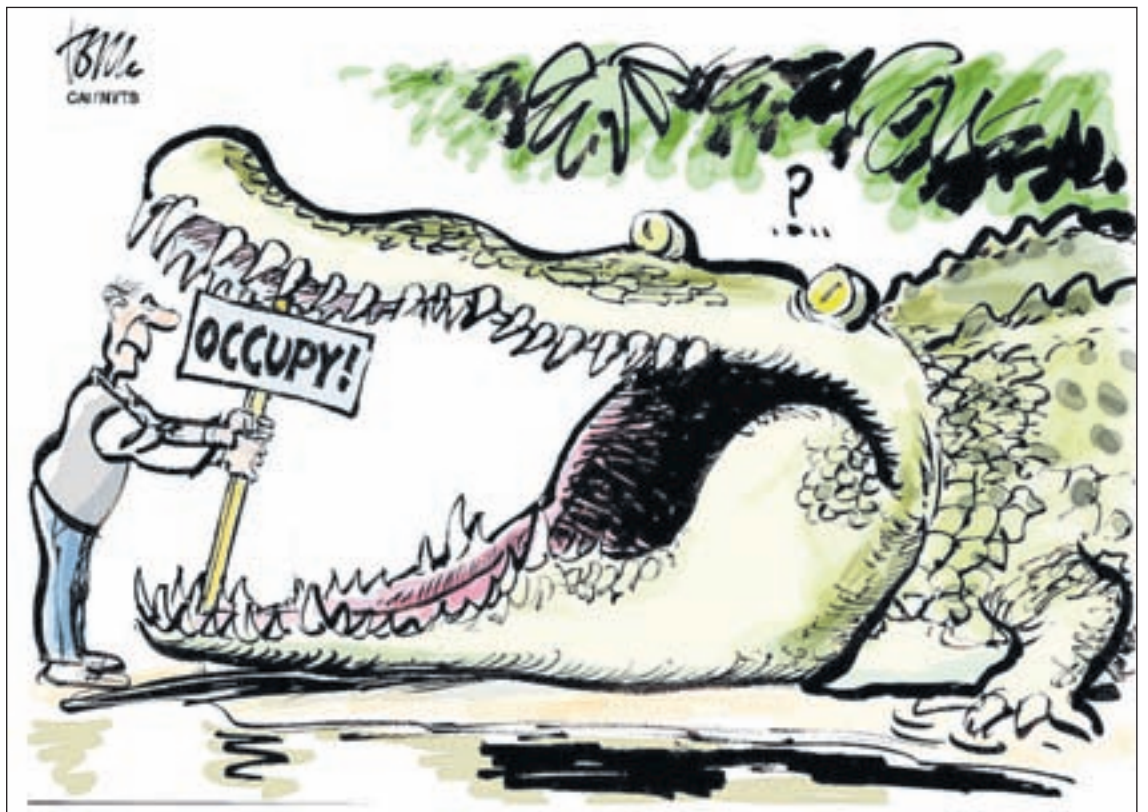
Chris W. Cox, the NRA's chief lobbyist, recently wrote that the current situation "presents a nightmare for interstate travel, as many Americans are forced to check their Second Amendment rights, and their fundamental right to self-defense, at the state line."

Nightmare? I think that term better applies to the NRA, though it's not the first word that springs to mind when I mull its current effort.

Contradiction, hypocrisy: Those words rush in ahead. The bill thus far has more than 200 Republican co-sponsors in the House, many of them conservatives who otherwise complain about attempts by an overbearing federal government to trample on states' rights in the realms of health care, tort reform, education — you name it. But to promote concealed guns, they're encouraging big, bad Washington to trample to its heart's content.

Imagine how apoplectic they'd be if, on certain other matters, Washington forced their states to yield to others' values the way this bill, HR 822, would compel New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut to honor more permissive gun-control regulations from the South and West. As it happens these three Northeastern states all perform same-sex marriages, which more conservative states do not have to recognize.

It's not fair to talk only about Republicans. HR 822 has dozens of Democratic co-sponsors as well, and when Democrats controlled Congress for the first two years of Barack Obama's presidency, they made no major progress on gun control. □



The hole in Europe's bucket



PAUL KRUGMAN

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If it weren't so tragic, the current European crisis would be funny, in a gallows-humor sort of way. For as one rescue plan after another falls flat, Europe's Very Serious People — who are, if such a thing is possible, even more pompous and self-regarding than their American counterparts — just keep looking more and more ridiculous.

I'll get to the tragedy in a minute. First, let's talk about the pratfalls, which have lately had me humming the old children's song "There's a Hole in My Bucket."

For those not familiar with the song, it concerns a lazy farmer who complains about said hole and is told by his wife to fix it. Each action she suggests, however, turns out to require a prior action, and, eventually, she tells him to draw some water from the well. "But there's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza, dear Liza."

What does this have to do with Europe? Well, at this point, Greece, where the crisis began, is no more than a grim sideshow. The clear and present danger comes instead from a sort of bank run on Italy, the euro area's third-largest economy. Investors, fearing a

possible default, are demanding high interest rates on Italian debt. And these high interest rates, by raising the burden of debt service, make default more likely.

It's a vicious circle, with fears of default threatening to become a self-fulfilling prophecy. To save the euro, this threat must be contained. But how? The answer has to involve creating a fund that can, if necessary, lend Italy (and Spain, which is also under threat) enough money that it doesn't need to borrow at those high rates. Such a fund probably wouldn't have to be used, since its mere existence should put an end to the cycle of fear. But the potential for really large-scale lending, certainly more than a trillion euros worth, has to be there.

And here's the problem: All the various proposals for creating such a fund ultimately require backing from major European governments, whose promises to investors must be credible for the plan to work. Yet Italy is one of those major governments; it can't achieve a rescue by lending money to itself. And France, the euro area's second-biggest economy, has been looking shaky lately, raising fears that creation of a large rescue fund, by in effect adding to French debt, could simply have the effect of adding France to the list of crisis countries. There's a hole in the bucket, dear Liza, dear Liza.

You see what I mean about the situation being funny in a gallows-humor fashion? What makes the story really painful is the fact that none of this had to happen.

Think about countries like Britain, Japan and the United States, which have large

debts and deficits yet remain able to borrow at low interest rates. What's their secret? The answer, in large part, is that they retain their own currencies, and investors know that in a pinch they could finance their deficits by printing more of those currencies. If the European Central Bank were to similarly stand behind European debts, the crisis would ease dramatically.

Wouldn't that cause inflation? Probably not: Whatever the likes of Ron Paul may believe, money creation isn't inflationary in a depressed economy. Furthermore, Europe actually needs modestly higher overall inflation: too low an overall inflation rate would condemn southern Europe to years of grinding deflation, virtually guaranteeing both continued high unemployment and a string of defaults.

But such action, we keep being told, is off the table. The statutes under which the central bank was established supposedly prohibit this kind of thing, although one suspects that clever lawyers could find a way to make it happen. The broader problem, however, is that the whole euro system was designed to fight the last economic war. It's a Maginot Line built to prevent a replay of the 1970s, which is worse than useless when the real danger is a replay of the 1930s.

And this turn of events is, as I said, tragic.

The story of postwar Europe is deeply inspiring. Out of the ruins of war, Europeans built a system of peace and democracy, constructing along the way societies that, while imperfect — what society isn't? — are arguably the most decent in human history. □



Models present creations of the spring/summer collection by fashion label Schumacher during China Fashion Week in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011.

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Fashion in Portugal, Russia and China



A model displays a creation by Portuguese designer Katty Xiomara during the Portugal Fashion Spring/Summer 2012 Week, in Porto, Portugal.

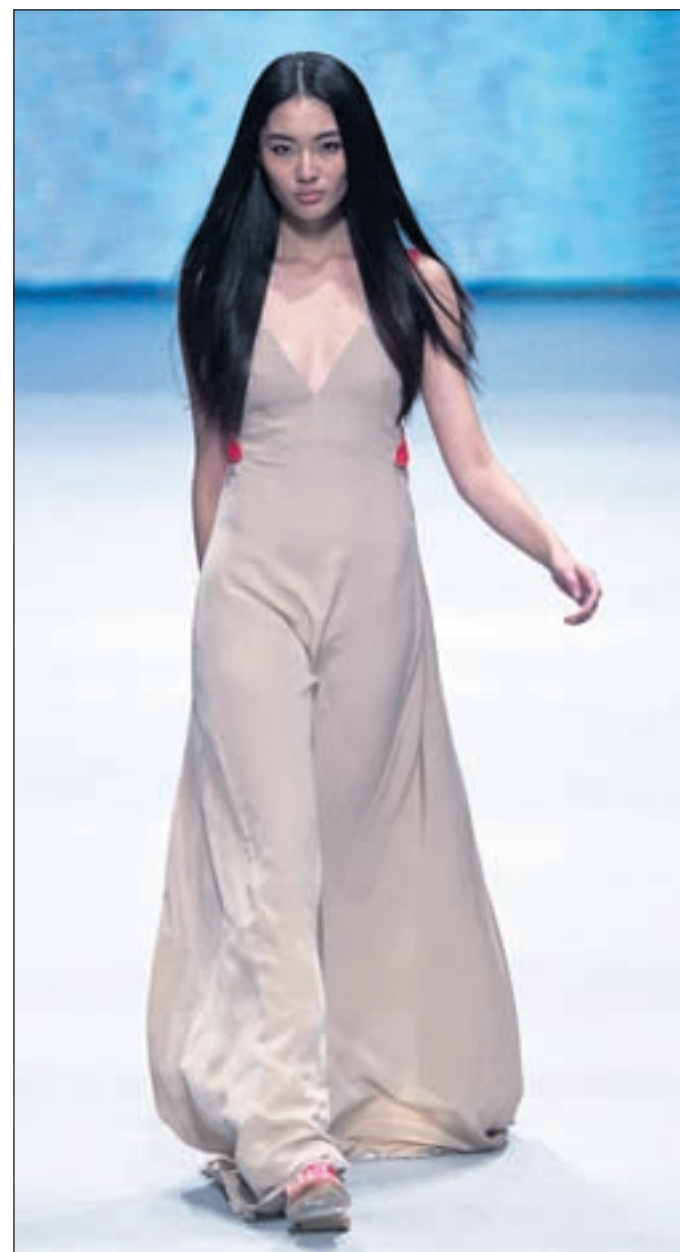
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The latest fashion designer's collections have been shown in Porto, in Portugal. Ana Salazar showed her spring/summer collection which featured lots of layering of fabrics.

Colors were monochrome with earth and fire tones. Katty Xiomara also showed her new collection, which featured fabrics skimming the body to reveal the natural curves. Fashion has also been celebrated at the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Moscow. More than 80 designers showed their new collections for spring/summer 2012. Slava Zaitsev offered a variety of classic designs featuring geometric shapes and soft flowing lines.

A group of Russian young designers from St Petersburg including Iya Yots and Polina Raudson also showcased their new collections at the Moscow Trade Centre.

Models also presented creations of spring/summer collections by fashionistas such as the Schumacher label during China Fashion Week in Beijing, China. □



A model displays a creation by Italian group of New Upcoming Designers during Spring-Summer 2012 collection at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011.

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